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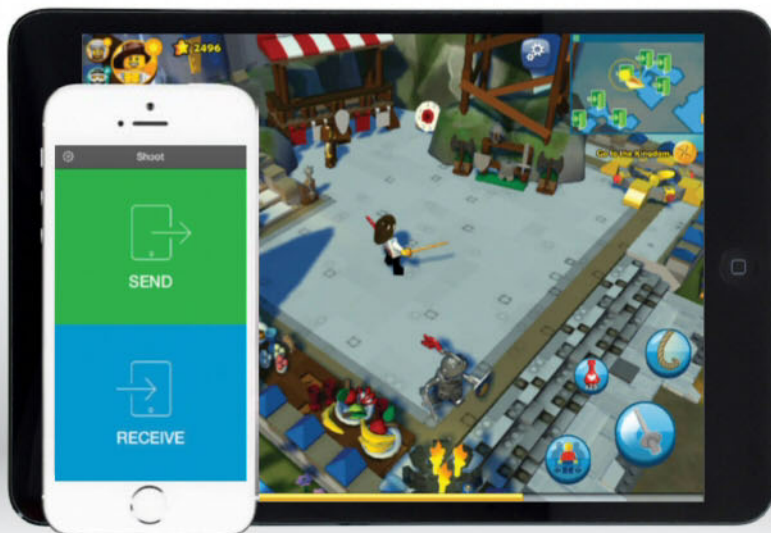
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There has never been a library of knowledge as vast as the Internet. Thanks to smartphones and tablets, you can access this information anywhere. The trouble is that it's hard to constructively learn from it. Let's face it, you're never going to master French or physics from studying Wikipedia alone. Educational apps offer a neat solution because they provide nuggets of information, organized in a way that is both structured and engaging. Discover the best apps for your kids to download ahead of the new school year from page 14.

But all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy, so make sure you also check out our guide to the 25 free apps

every user needs from page 18 and our game reviews, including new releases *Heroki* and *Xenowerk* from page 36 onwards. Enjoy the magazine!

The team recommends...

DAN HUTCHINSON

Editor in Chief



New from Google, *Ivy Big Number* (page 33) is an experimental calculator app. This may not sound exciting, but it makes complex math easy.

JACK PARSONS

Editor



BitTorrent gets a bad name, but the all-new *BitTorrent Shoot* (page 28) makes it much easier to share large photo and video files with friends across mobile.

JAMIE FRIER

Contributor



The sheer scale of *Lego Mini Figures Online* (page 37) is incredible, with loads of different games to play and worlds to explore.

PHILIP MORRIS

Contributor



Apple Music is one of the most exciting new features of iOS. Find out how to make the most of it using Siri commands on page 42.



APPLE MUSIC

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.4 | Freemium



BITTORRENT SHOOT

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.36
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v1.0.1.125



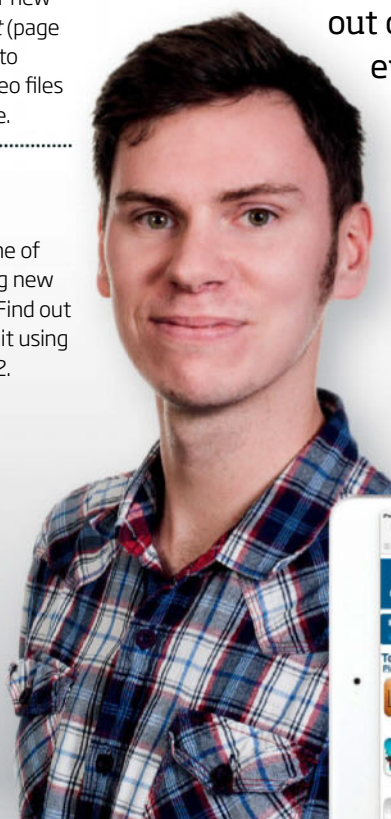
IVY BIG NUMBER

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0
● Android | OS 4.0.33 | Free | v1.0.1



LEGO MINI FIGURES ONLINE

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.4
● Android | OS 4.4 | £3.83/\$4.99 | v 1.0.532507



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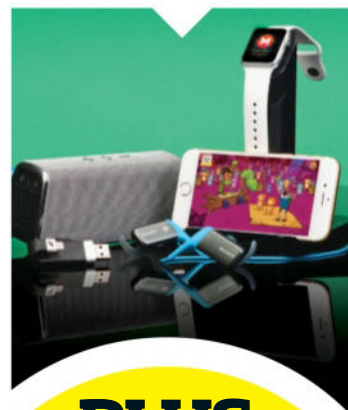
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HOW WE REVIEW

OPERATING SYSTEM

Certain apps only work on specific operating systems; check your device meets the specifications here.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free | v4.5.2
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free | v4.6.3

FORMAT

Some apps are specific to iPhone or iPad, however if listed with a plus symbol, apps will work on both devices.

VERSION

We always review the latest versions of apps when going to publication, but bear in mind issues we outline may be fixed in updated versions.

PRICE

We list the most up-to-date price possible, but check before purchasing. Note that free apps may still require some in-app purchases.

IN TOUCH

APPS ★ PEOPLE ★ GEAR



GET EXCITED ABOUT...

ROCKING OUT WITH THE MARSHALL SMARTPHONE

AUDIO SPECIALIST NEW 'LONDON' IS SMARTPHONE FOR MUSIC LOVERS

Once famous for their guitar amps, Marshall have branched out in recent years to produce Bluetooth speakers and headphones. Now the English company has launched its own smartphone dubbed the Marshall London.

As you might expect, the London is suitably rock'n'roll. It offers high-quality listening thanks to its powerful dual speakers, which feature enhanced bass technology and a dedicated hifi-grade sound card. In addition, the stereo microphone has been designed for high-quality recording on the go and offers exceptional noise reduction.

Two stereo jacks are located on the top of the phone, allowing two users to share music simultaneously and at different volume levels. A global wide equalizer allows the user to personalise music played on the phone without having to adjust the sound on each individual music app. The so-called M-button gives quick access to any music player, including the London's pre-installed music player, which supports popular formats such as MP3, MP4, AAC and many more. To ensure all music lovers are catered for, the London

is also capable of crystal-clear playback of FLAC files, giving justice to old music collections.

Aside from the musical enhancements, what else does Marshall's new phone offer? Well, it seems the London is an impressive smartphone in its own right. It runs Android Lollipop, which is the latest version of the iOS rival operating system. It also has a 720p 4.7-inch screen powered by a Snapdragon 410 chip, and has 16GB storage.

Marshall developed the smartphone in partnership with Zound Industries and Finnish company Creoir.

"Zound Industries chose to work with Creoir so they could see their concept become reality without the need for the technical and manufacturing know-how for building a smartphone," said Pekka Väyrynen, CEO of Creoir. "Working with their talented people has been really inspiring and we are excited to see their Marshall London smartphone launch this August."

The Marshall London is available to buy now for £399/\$499 from marshallheadphones.com.



MUSIC IS FOR SHARING

The Marshall London has two stereo jacks on the top so that two people can plug in and listen to music at once.

DIAL M FOR MUSIC

Tap the golden M-button on the top of the London to automatically launch your preferred music player, such as *Spotify* or even *Apple Music*.



HD SCREEN

MTV killed the radio star and YouTube has made streaming music videos easier than ever, so enjoy them on the London's 720p screen.

ANDROID INSIDE

As you can guess, the Marshall London is not an iPhone, instead it runs Android Lollipop, Google's rival operating system to iOS.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

The Marshall London has two front-facing speakers for maximum audio enjoyment.



APPS TO CRANK UP TO 11

MOSH CAM



This app makes it easy to find videos of live performances in a wide range of popular musical genres including rock, metal, indie and hip-hop. Inevitably some major artists are missing and the app has a habit of crashing intermittently but if you love live music, it will be a long time before you exhaust everything it has on its lineup.

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0 | Free
● Android | OS 2.2 | Free

BEATWAVE



Few apps make it as easy to compose your own electronic music as this one. Starting with a series of grids, you add beats by selecting squares. These beats are looped automatically and you can then mix things up by adding instruments and varying the position of the squares or the speed, pitch, volume and style while recording the results.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium

THIS DAY IN MUSIC



This app is packed with trivia that will give music aficionados something to reminisce about. For every day of the year *This Day In Music* has brief descriptions of major events in music history, some dating back to the 1950s. You can also look up which musicians share your birthday and browse music trivia before testing your knowledge in a quiz.

● iPhone+ | iOS 3.1 | £2.29/\$2.99

JAMN PLAYER



This stylish and easy-to-navigate free download will teach you how to play whatever songs you have in your music library as well as other popular tracks on a guitar, ukulele or piano. *Jamn Player* analyses any song that you select and displays the chords and key in real time as the track is playing. Playback can be at full speed or slowed down in case you find it hard to keep up.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1 | Free

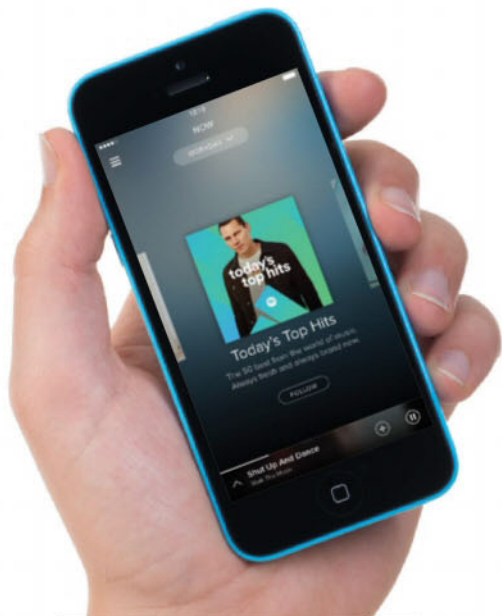
MORE THAN JUST MUSIC

Tim Grimsditch, Spotify's head of global product marketing, explains how the streaming service's new features are taking the fight to Apple

SPOTIFY MUSIC

Available on Android and iOS, Spotify allows users to stream music from a mammoth database of songs while making and sharing playlists.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Freemium**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0.2** | **Freemium**



With more than 75 million active users, 20 million of which are paid subscribers, Spotify has not only successfully introduced many to the delights of streaming music, it has encouraged them to pay for the pleasure too. But with Apple Music making in-roads, how is Spotify looking to make its offering sing loudest?

How has the Spotify evolved and what do you think works well?

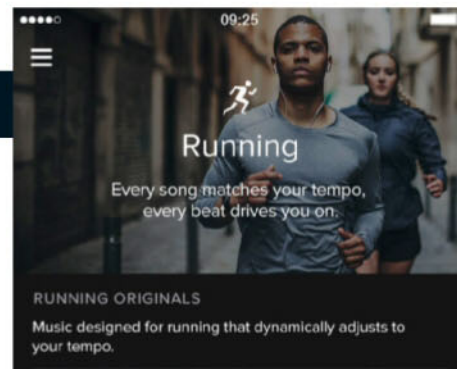
With more than 25 billion listening hours since our launch seven years ago, we've become obsessed with figuring out how to bring music into every part of our users lives, wherever they are, whatever they're doing, whatever their mood. Using this data, we're now able to offer our users the right music for every moment - on computers, mobiles, tablets, home entertainment systems, cars, gaming consoles and more.

Can there be improvements and do you have any in mind?

We're constantly evolving Spotify to make it the best music service it can be. We recently launched Discover Weekly, a personalised playlist for all users, based on what you listen to and what people with similar tastes listen to, which updates every Monday morning with another batch of two hours' worth of brand new music. We're rolling out an evolved Spotify to provide a 24-hour entertainment destination, including Spotify Running, as well as adding video clips and audio shows.

We must mention Apple Music. Is competition welcomed?

The addition of other streaming services means more education about streaming and a boost to the streaming music industry - which doesn't have to be at the expense of Spotify. If streaming starts growing faster, the music industry will be many times bigger. The growth of streaming services is a positive for artists and rightsholders, and signals the end of piracy, which we welcome entirely.



Spotify's new Running feature can match music to your steps

How is Spotify keeping ahead of the game?

Spotify is becoming more than music. We know there are times in the day you want to switch between music to catch up on the latest news, listen to your favourite podcast or simply watch something fun. So we are rolling out other content for different moments of your day, alongside music and curated playlists, to keep you entertained wherever and whenever you are. We also know that millions of our users lace up and hit the road to *Spotify*, which is why we introduced the Running feature. *Spotify* can now detect your tempo, matching the perfect music in time to your step, to help improve your motivation and your run effectiveness.

Do you think streaming will come to dominate and that purchasing songs will become niche?

We can't speak on behalf of how individuals will choose to consume music going forward, but what we have seen is that IFPI figures show digital music has matched and will likely soon surpass physical formats in the money it generates, which is largely fueled by streaming.

There has been controversy from artists regarding payments. Is this fair?

It's important to note that Spotify does not pay artists directly but instead pays the labels, collecting societies and publishers who own the rights to the artist's music. Once Spotify has paid those royalties the rights holders are responsible for paying royalties to the artist. This takes into account the individual commercial deal the artist has with their label and publisher. Spotify aims to help artists get paid fairly for their work, and we are as transparent as possible in sharing the revenues we pay out.

"WE AIM TO HELP ARTISTS GET PAID FAIRLY FOR THEIR WORK, AND WE ARE AS TRANSPARENT AS POSSIBLE"

05 OTHER GREAT STREAMING SERVICES

APPLE MUSIC

As well as allowing you to stream songs from your device, Apple Music offers the excellent Beats 1 24-hour radio station which is curated by top DJs.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.4**
● **Freemium** | **v1.0**

PANDORA RADIO

Pandora Radio lets you create up to 100 personalised radio stations for free.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
● **Free** | **v6.2**
● **Android** | **Varies**
● **Free** | **Varies**

IHEART RADIO

Listen to free music, the best radio stations and top summer songs online. Unfortunately it's US-only.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0**
● **Free** | **v5.10.0**
● **Android** | **Varies**
● **Free** | **Varies**

SOUNDCLOUD

A great app if you're into discovering independent artists. Also includes podcasts, comedy and news.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
● **Free** | **v3.10.1**
● **Android** | **Varies**
● **Free** | **Varies**

TIDAL

With greater bandwidth comes the ability to stream curated songs in high fidelity sound quality.

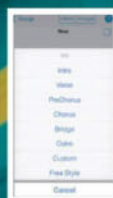
● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0**
● **Freemium** | **v1.7.0**
● **Android** | **OS 4.1**
● **Free** | **v1.6.3**

HOW TO...

WRITE A SONG

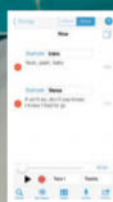
WITH MUSIC-MAKING APPS IT'S EASY TO GET YOUR GROOVE ON

The rise of streaming music services and the social media revolution have made it simpler than ever to discover songs by as-yet-unknown artists. Anyone can put their tracks in the ears of the masses through YouTube, SoundCloud and other online outlets. Mobile devices have made this process more accessible still and allowed many indie artists to find an audience. All you need is a way with words, some musical talent and the right apps.



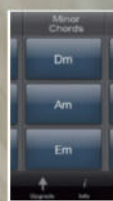
01 Name that tune

Song ideas come when you least expect them. Download *Songwriter's Pad* so you can capture lyrics on-the-fly. Tap the + sign to create a song and name it. Then tap +Block and choose whether you're writing a verse or the chorus.



02 Find your voice

Tap Ideas on *Songwriter's Pad's* composing screen to search for words or phrases based on mood. Select Audio if you're ready to record someone singing your lyrics. When you're ready to print, e-mail or save them to Dropbox, choose Export.



03 Strike a chord

Simple Songwriter will help you get your lyrics in tune. Tap different combinations of major, minor and extra chords to find something that works for your song. With the full version of the app you can save chords and record vocals.



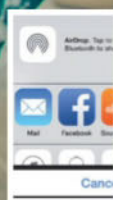
04 Cue music

GarageBand is a great music-making app for pros and novices because it's easy to use. Swipe to choose an instrument. Then tap on the down arrow in the top left to bring up a menu. Pick the option at the bottom to refine your selection.



05 Mix it up

To record a track, tap the red dot at the top of the screen. When you've got something you like, tap the square icon near the top left to go to the editing screen. From there you can add loops and mix in other virtual instruments.



06 Hit the charts

Once your recording is ready to share, tap Select in *GarageBand's* My Songs screen, pick your song and tap the Share icon in the top left corner. Select SoundCloud or YouTube, log in to your chosen service and make your song public.

APPS USED

SONGWRITER'S PAD

This app has helpful tools for novice and professional songwriters.

● **iPhone | iOS 7.0**
| £7.99/\$9.99 | v5.4
● **Android | OS 2.2**
| £3.22/\$4.99 | v1.0

★★★★★

SIMPLE SONGWRITER

Picking chords and keys for your song is easy with this app but you'll be lost if you don't know what these terms mean.

● **iPhone | iOS 5.1**
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.2

★★★★★

GARAGEBAND

There are other virtual instrument apps but this one hits the right note with its simplicity and great OS X companion.

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.4**
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.0.7

★★★★★

FINAL THOUGHT

It's fun to dabble with songwriting apps even if you've never written lyrics. That's also true for apps designed for composing tunes but if you're unfamiliar with chords and keys, this step will be more challenging. If you know how to string two notes together, making music has never been easier.

COMPETITION

WIN! HOME CINEMA
FOR YOUR iPhoneHEAT UP THE POPCORN! STREAM A MOVIE MARATHON
WITH THE SMART PHONE PROJECTOR

While smartphone screens have gotten an awful lot bigger lately, the iPhone 6's 4.7-inch display still isn't quite big enough to enjoy watching our favourite films. However, the incredibly clever and compact Smart Phone Projector will cast your iPhone's screen onto the wall so you and all your friends can watch movies the way they were intended.

Available from Prezzybox.com for just £15.95, simply press play on your iPhone or Android phone, place it inside the Smart Phone Projector – and voilà, home cinema here we come! The magnifying glass inside the device projects the image eight times the size of your usual phone screen

to ensure a much better viewing experience. The whole process is completely wireless, though the projector does leave space for you to plug in speakers for better surround sound if you so wish.

The Smart Phone Projector is made from a strong cardboard. This box can be built up in minutes and has an extendible drawer function that can close, meaning that you can take it to a friend's house for a movie night too.

Thanks to Prezzybox.com, we have four Smart Phone Projectors to give away. For your chance to win one, head to our website and answer the following question.



Q WHAT GAME DID WE REVIEW ON PAGE 29 OF THIS ISSUE?

- A:** Adobe Photoshop
B: Adobe Premiere Clip
C: Adobe PremierShip

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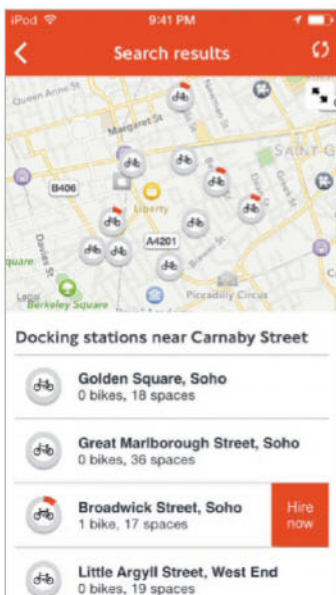
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MY HOME SCREEN

THE CYCLIST

APPS THAT MAKE GETTING AROUND AS EASY AS RIDING A BIKE

Whether you ride around town, through country lanes or over the side of a mountain, cycling gives you a great workout and time to appreciate the beauty of your surroundings. You'll get the most out of pedal power if you plan your trips, keep your bike in top condition and track how much all that cycling keeps you healthy. Luckily, apps can do all these tasks. Here are 10 that will ensure that you're always in the right gear when it's time to hop on your bike.



SANTANDER CYCLES

ALTERNATIVE TO: PASSBOOK

If you are cycle touring in London, use this official Transport for London app to find docking stations with available bikes and have a code sent to your phone that will unlock your ride if you arrive within 10 minutes.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v3.95
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v4.3

KAPPO

ALTERNATIVE TO: GAME CENTRE

Make your rides more competitive by signing up for this online virtual game, which gives you points based on factors such as time, speed and weather conditions. Compare achievements too.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0
| Free | v3.0.1
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| Free | v1.0.2

CYCLEMETER GPS

ALTERNATIVE TO: HEALTH

Despite the title, this app is a fitness companion for cyclists and runners rather than a mapping aid. You can set up training plans, track ride and health data and review summary statistics from your two-wheeled workouts.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v10.4.5

SOCIAL CYCLIST

ALTERNATIVE TO: MESSAGES

Like Strava, this app is designed for social networking before and after rides. What it's also great for, though, is sharing alerts about hazards on your route as you encounter them.

● iPhone | iOS 6.0
| Free | v1.23
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| Free | v1.23

SPINNING CLASS
WORKOUT MUSIC

ALTERNATIVE TO: MUSIC

When getting fit for a long ride on an indoor bike, plug in your earphones and pump up the music in this app to get the pedals moving. It offers curated streams in various genres

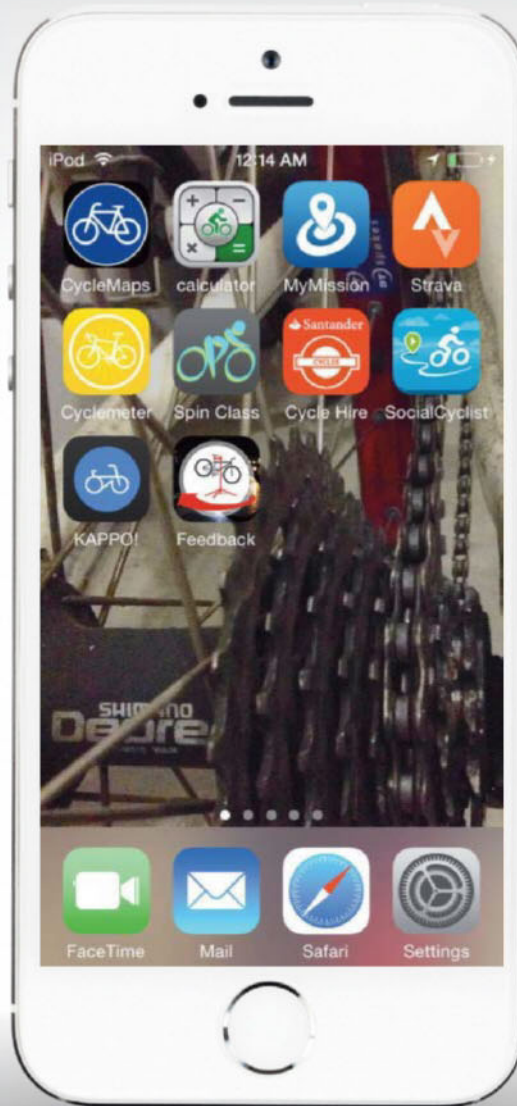
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.4.5

FEEDBACK
SPORTS BICYCLE
MAINTENANCE
TRACKER

ALTERNATIVE TO: REMINDERS

Use this app to record maintenance you've done on your bicycle.

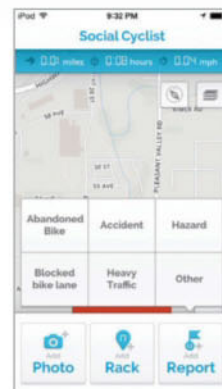
● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.3
● Android | OS 4.0
| Free | v1.0.2

STRAVA
RUNNING AND
CYCLING

ALTERNATIVE TO: CONTACTS

Like a Facebook for cyclists, this app allows you to share your rides with the Strava community, attract followers and follow others.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v4.5
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v4.5.1



CYCLEMAPS

ALTERNATIVE TO: MAPS

Plenty of cycling apps have GPS and mapping capabilities. This particular app stands out because it can direct you along bicycle paths and quieter roads whenever possible. There is also a *Cyclemaps* companion app for the Apple Watch.

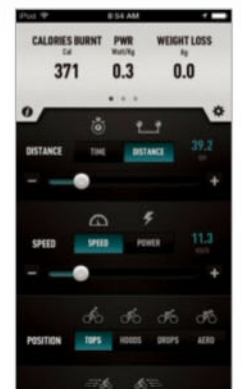
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v19.4

MY VIRTUAL
MISSION

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALENDAR

Don't have time to ride long distances? No problem: with this app you map out the route you would take and plan local rides that add up to the same distance.

● iPhone | iOS 6.1 | Free | v2.2.1
● Android | OS 2.3 | Free | v2.2.1

BIKE
CALCULATOR PRO

ALTERNATIVE TO: CALCULATOR

This app gives you every health-related cycling statistic you could want. Plug in data such as distance, temperature, gradient, wind speed and posture and it shows your power consumption and much more.

● iPhone | iOS 5.0
| £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.0

"BIKE CALCULATOR PRO GIVES YOU EVERY HEALTH-RELATED CYCLING STATISTIC YOU COULD POSSIBLY WANT"

GEAR ROUNDUP

WATCHSTAND CHARGING DOCK

Designed for the ultimate Apple fanboy, the WatchStand lets you proudly display all of your most expensive Apple products at once - while, you know, charging them. The Apple Watch sits proudly on top of the device, while your iPhone can fit snugly in the cradle below. The device functions well enough, and the tilted view angle was a nice touch, but it's impossible to escape the notion that it's a somewhat unnecessary vanity item.

★★★★★

Price (£24.99/\$29.99) | Griffin | griffintechology.com



FUGOO STYLE BLUETOOTH SPEAKER

Okay, it's official: good things don't always have to come in big sizes. The Fugoo Style might be a fairly small and lightweight Bluetooth speaker, but it packs a surprising punch. It not only offers enough depth and volume to get through small garden gatherings and long kitchen sessions, but it also does a decent enough job during those times you just want to kick back and relax. There's a strong clarity to the sound delivered.

★★★★★

Price £149.99/\$199.99 | Fugoo | fugoo.com



iBRIDGE 16GB MOBILE MEMORY



This has solved a *critical* problem for us, and will no doubt delight anybody that owns an entry level portable Apple device. Small storage space is the bane of the iPhone and iPad user, but thankfully Leef's iBridge gives you the scope to not only expand the base memory by 16GB, but also an easy way to move large files - such as movies and photos - without having to worry about messing about with iCloud, iTunes or AirDrop. It's awesome.

★★★★★

Price £49.99/\$59.99 | Leef | leefco.com

AS600BT BLUETOOTH SPLASH-PROOF IN-EAR HEADPHONES

A sturdy pair of Bluetooth headphones that you can both work up a sweat with and comfortably take in the shower has filled a gap in our lives that we didn't know we had, and is one of the biggest reasons to purchase the AS600BT's from Sony. That said, they aren't without their faults; the snug fit and cool NFC connectivity is offset somewhat by disappointing volume.

★★★★★

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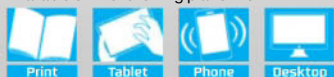
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BRILLIANT.ORG



One skill that is useful in all aspects of education and which is not a natural skill for most people is the ability to problem solve those difficult questions. You have to simultaneously keep various pieces of information in your head while maintaining a view of the entire situation to come up with the correct answer, but it can take a lot of time to learn how to do this without mistakes and a lot of time to work out the problem itself. With the *Brilliant.org* app you get access to a huge database of questions from a variety of subjects and with some careful selections, you should be able to find examples which are truly beneficial for your coursework and exams. Even better, the layout of the app and the questions included make the entire experience fun and more engaging than you may expect. We found ourselves immersed from the very first questions we tried and over time we started to feel that the app was truly increasing our problem solving abilities. If you can find specific questions related to your subjects you will be onto a winner, but even if you don't, it will help you in a variety of important ways.

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium

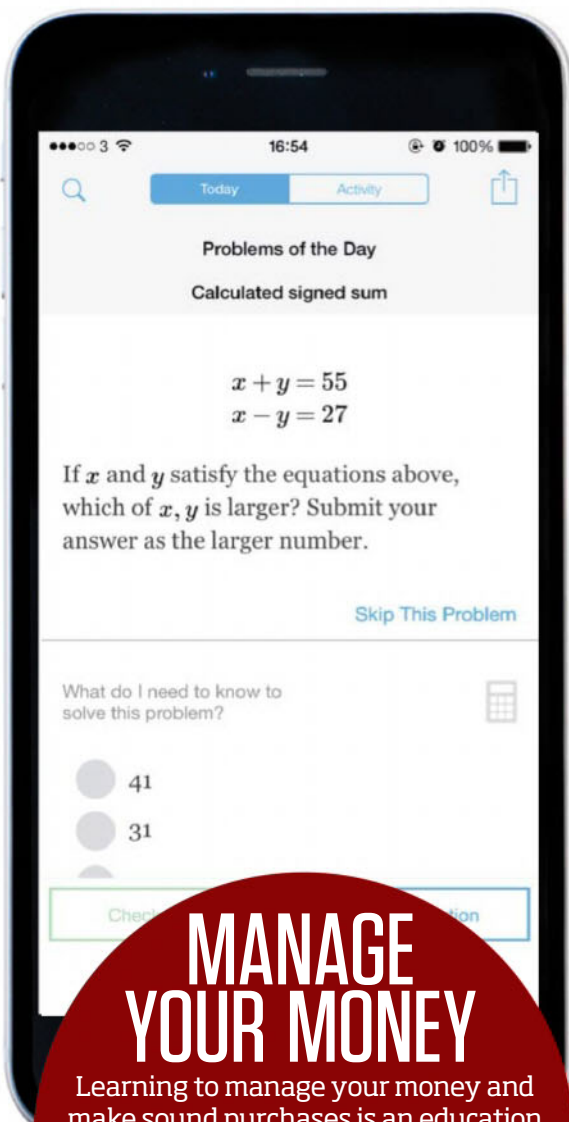
“You get access to a huge database of questions from a variety of subjects, with examples”

CLASS TIMETABLE



There are many apps that can help you manage your timetable, but few are as simple to use and colourfully presented as this one. Adding new classes takes only seconds and you can visually split them instantly so that you always know where to go. You can even export your schedule if you purchase the pro version. Ensure that you are never late again.

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● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium



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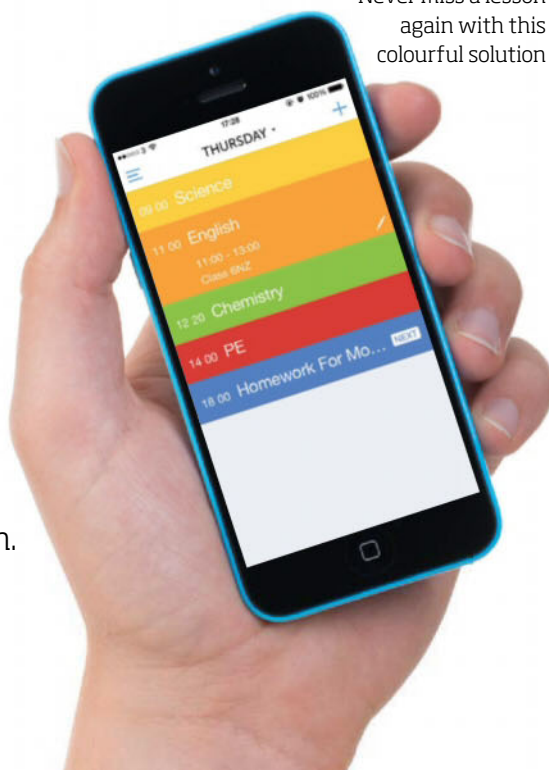
Learning to manage your money and make sound purchases is an education in itself and with *Osper*, under 18's can buy books and anything else using the attached debit card.



OSPER

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Free
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free

Never miss a lesson again with this colourful solution



IMPROVE YOUR BRAIN

PEAK - BRAIN TRAINING



Education is not just about knowing answers, but also being able to react to situations and think quickly and logically when the moment requires such skills. *Peak* is an app that is designed to improve your brain in a variety of ways and it does so in a fun way that never feels like learning at all. The variety is big and the challenges are really great which means it will help you a lot.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium

SUMDOG



For younger children, *Sumdog* offers a collaborative environment which helps them to learn maths, reading and writing in a fun way which is gently challenging. Once a child starts playing, and yes it does feel like a game, they will quickly improve their skills and knowledge and 'want' to come back for more willingly. It is very carefully created and it does the job beautifully.

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1.1 | Free
● Android | OS 4.4 | Free

QUIZLET - FLASHCARDS & STUDY TOOLS



Quizlet performs two useful functions which will help improve your memory and your understanding of specific subjects. You get to play simple games based around topics and to also create your own customised flashcards so that you can focus on specific answers that you need to know. The interface is simple and the content is accurate which makes it highly beneficial.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free

THE MINDFULNESS APP



Stress is a negative factor in many aspects of life and particularly during exams. *The Mindfulness App* will give you a set amount of peace each day to recharge your batteries and more importantly relax your mind. The more you use it, the more adept you will become at meditating and consequently you will be able to handle more work than you even thought possible.

● iPhone | iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● Android | OS 2.3.3 | £1.49/\$2.33

WRITING AID



Few things waste more of your time and interrupt the artistic flow more than writer's block. When it strikes, you can be sat there for ages trying to think of your next move without success, but *Writing Aid* will surely help. Search using general descriptions or look for direct meanings. The comprehensiveness of the answers will impress.

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

GET MORE EFFICIENT

NOTEBOOKS 8

This clever app has the potential to be the main hub for your notes, drawings and PDF files thanks to its clean and simple design. You can manage your content over multiple devices and also create files directly within the app which makes it even more flexible. If you are serious about your note-taking and organisation, you should take a long look at *Notebooks 8*.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £7.99 / \$9.99

iPLANNER UK

If you want to manage your schedule and timetable in finite detail, *iPlanner* will be the perfect solution for you. It lets you include multiple events and you will have the ability to customise every single aspect of it. Throw in a selection of useful views including year, month and day, and you will have a complete and visually perfect digital planner in your pocket.

● iPhone | iOS 7.1 | £0.79/\$0.99

● Android | OS 4.0 | £1.29/\$2.01

MINDNODE – DELIGHTFUL MIND MAPPING

For many people, organisation is done best in a visual way and

MindNode taps into that ethos perfectly. You can quickly build flow charts, or mind maps, and add stickers and photos for added visual appeal which should make the bigger picture much more understandable. It may have somewhat of a niche market appeal, but it has the potential to be incredibly useful.

● iPad+ | iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

OMNIFOCUS 2 FOR IPHONE

OmniFocus 2 may be quite expensive for a mobile app, but it has the potential to start you off on a lifetime of near perfect organisation. You can set tasks and goals for all of your subjects, and everything you enter is kept in context to build a picture of what you need to get done. There is a learning curve involved, but once you have that nailed you will love it.

● iPhone | iOS 8.3 | £29.99/\$39.99

MICAL - THE MISSING CALENDAR

If you want to ensure that you get to each lesson on time and that you do not miss valuable study hours, a calendar app will prove most useful. The timely alarms, clean organisation and speed of use in *miCal* makes it one of the very best solutions to ensure you never miss anything important.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

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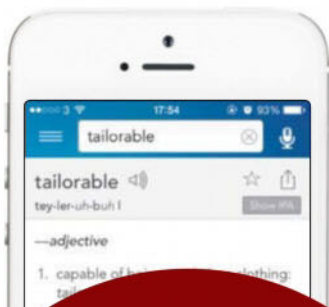


Anyone who is in education needs access to an accurate and up to date

dictionary, and this is where the *Dictionary.com* app comes in. It features more than 2,000,000 definitions and also includes a useful word of the day for easy inspiration. Translations, slideshows and spelling suggestions top off what is a complete and helpful solution, and one which will prove useful.

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Freemium

● Android | OS 2.3 | Freemium



KEEP UP WITH THE NEWS

You will likely need to know current events in many of your subjects and this is where *Newsify* will be useful. Thanks to this RSS news reader, you can find all of your news in one place.



NEWSIFY

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium

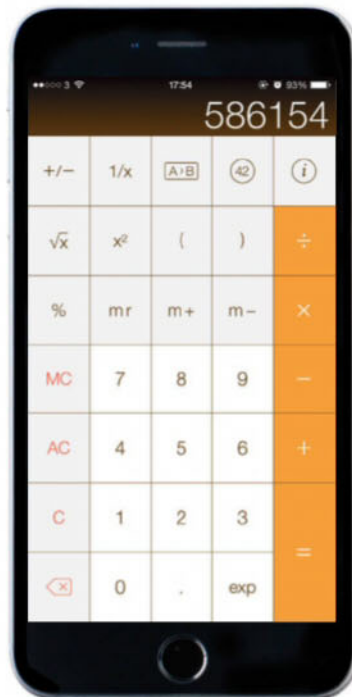
PCALC - THE BEST CALCULATOR



The higher than average price of *PCalc*

should not be seen as a reason not to buy it because of the following; it offers many different modes, is exceptionally easy to use and also deals with conversions in an instant. Add to this a useful paper tape to look back at your calculations and you have a solution which easily rivals and beats a real physical calculator. It is excellent value for money and there's even a version for the Apple Watch..

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99



WOLFRAMALPHA

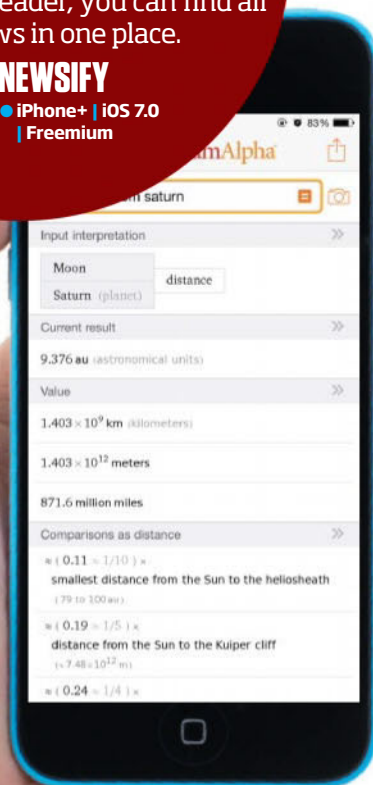


Wouldn't it be nice to know everything. Well, with *WolframAlpha* you can move some way closer to that dream by asking it any question you like. It actually takes some time to get used to because it is so natural

to use thanks to its ability to understand naturally typed questions, photos and even your voice, but it always performs as you would want it to. You can ask a question in the most convenient way and you will receive a series of answers which should cover every possible part of the subject matter, and these answers can be text-based, simple numbers or even graphs. An emphasis has been placed on making sure that you receive complete information and once installed, you will soon wonder how you managed without it. Of course studying is not just about knowing facts, but when they are presented in such an obvious way you can retain them quickly and save a lot of time in every other aspect of your learning. Standard search engines are very useful, but in education there surely is no better resource than *WolframAlpha* for getting work done.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

● Android | OS 2.1 | £1.86/\$2.90



PHOTOMATH



The main problem with trying to get help and advice when dealing with complex expressions and calculations is that it is often very difficult to input the whole equation via a keyboard. *PhotoMath* gets around this by letting you simply snap and then wait for the app to analyse what is in front of it. It doesn't always work, but when it does it is a huge time saver.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free

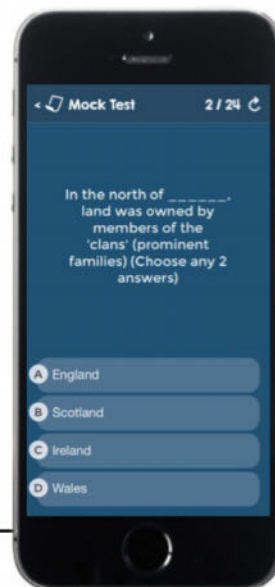
LIFE IN THE UK TEST



Citizenship is such a wide-ranging subject and one which relies more on factual answers than most other subjects. With the *Life in the UK Test* app you have access to a set of real exam questions from 2014 and as such you are able to reassure yourself that you fully understand what you need to know for the year ahead. It's simple, effective and it will go a long way to helping you pass and succeed.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium

Get to grips with all aspects of UK citizenship



EXPAND YOUR KNOWLEDGE

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WORLD ATLAS



Understanding the locations of cities and countries around the world is beneficial for geography, history and many other subjects, and this app is a good place to start building your knowledge. It does not offer perfect detail when zoomed in, but is perfectly usable.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

FREE BOOKS



The number of classic books included in *Free Books* is quite extraordinary and it could possibly keep you entertained and educated for many years to come. You can use it to analyse the writing styles of legendary authors or just to increase your sphere of reading, but either way it works as an exceptional gateway into a world of classic written works.

● iPhone | iOS 6.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

DUOLINGO



You will either love or hate the way languages are taught at your school, but if you fall into the latter category you should take a look at *Duolingo*. It is completely free, includes gradually more difficult lessons and is also highly visual in the way it trains you to learn words and phrases. It is a genuinely exceptional app in every possible way.

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | Varies | Free

TIMES TABLES QUIZ!



For younger children and those students who struggle with multiplication, here is an app which could have a beneficial impact. The blackboard style interface is very friendly and the simplicity of the questions makes it truly accessible to anyone. Sometimes the best solutions are the ones that attempt to only do one thing in a simplistic way.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | Freemium
● Android | OS 3.0 | Freemium

11+ VERBAL REASONING



Verbal reasoning is very important for children and in particular those who are nearing the end of their school lives. With this app they can take a mock test, see their progress at any time and check the results in great detail. Everything has been tailored to make the learning highly accessible for kids.

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

REFME - CITATIONS MADE EASY



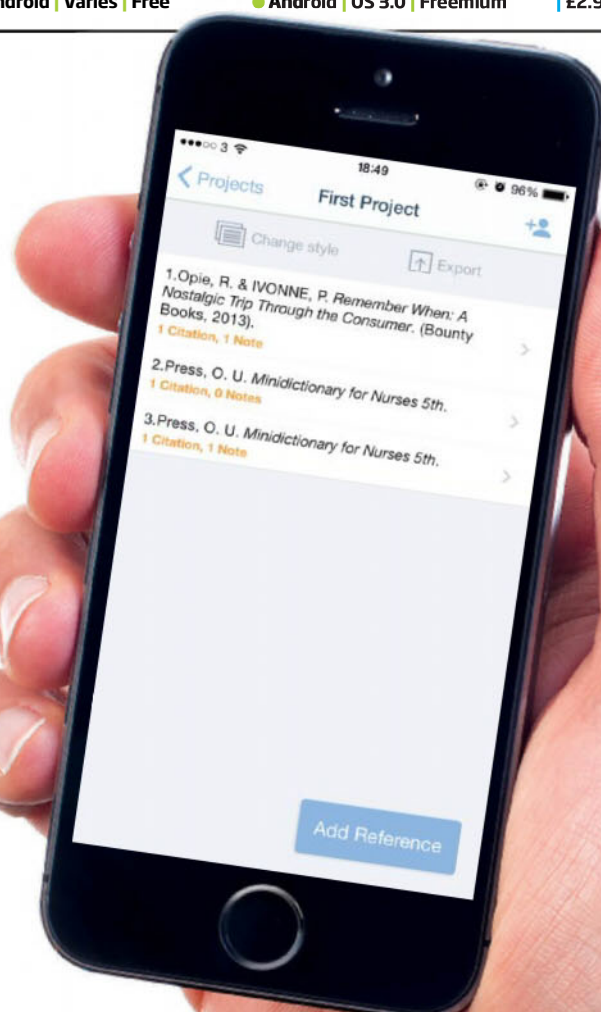
Referencing is an important part of essay writing and in particular in an age where plagiarism is far too easy to achieve. If you can keep accurate references and show what you have learnt from

them, you will be far more likely to achieve a higher mark, but the process is often very time consuming and overly complicated. You have to read the quote, reference the publication it is from and then ensure that every single detail is correct. Add to this the requirement, often, to use a particular style and the time will just drift away. With *RefME*, however, you can scan the barcode of the publication and then simply enter a range of page numbers and add your own notes. Each reference will be added to a list and you can share the items at any time if you need to work on my than one computer. It is not the most exciting app in the world, but it does semi-automate a task that can be terribly time consuming and for that alone it is worthy of adding to your educational armoury for when you need it.

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free

“You can scan the barcode of a publication and enter page numbers and notes”

Referencing just became a much more efficient task with *RefME*




ESSENTIAL FREE APPS



THE APP STORE CLASSICS THAT
DON'T COST A PENNY

SOCIAL MEDIA GIANTS

FACEBOOK

 It's likely to be the very first app you download to your new device, and with good reason too. It's hard to find anyone who isn't on Facebook. See what your friends are up to on your News Feed, and share your own updates, photos and videos to your Wall. You get notifications when friends like and comment on your posts. An essential way of staying in touch with friends.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

TIMEHOP

 The throwback Thursday phenomenon shows no sign of slowing down, and you can get a taste of that every day with *Timehop*, the app that lets you go back in time and discover what you were up on your social media accounts on the current day in the years gone by. *Timehop* not only pulls in data from a variety of accounts, including *Facebook*, *Twitter* and *Instagram*, but also your Camera Roll or Gallery.


● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.1** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0.3** | **Free**

TWITTER

 An app you're no doubt familiar with, the native *Twitter* app is a must-have download for any fan of micro blogging 140 characters. The premise is that you have an account to express yourself and discover more about the things you love. You can of course tweet, retweet and favourite anything from your timeline, but the real joy is in soaking up breaking news as it happens.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

SNAPCHAT

 An app that has taken younger generations by storm in recent years, *Snapchat* lets you record a quick video or take a photo, add a caption and then send it to a friend. They view it, hopefully have a little giggle and then the video or photo disappears, never to be seen again. Unless they take a cheeky screenshot! *Snapchat* works as your bog standard instant messaging service too.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

INSTAGRAM

 *Instagram* works like any other social network - you get to follow users, and like and comment on pictures - but you also get a whole host of advanced image-editing tools to create seriously good photography. Give your pictures a vintage filter and then post them to other social networks. A social media behemoth, *Instagram* should be one of your first downloads.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

SCORE ANYTHING

Just A Score is the brand new app from Imagine Publishing that lets you score literally anything and share it with your followers.



JUST A SCORE

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**

your first download - it's perfect for anyone looking to get the most from the iPhone's brilliant point-and-shoot camera, which we guess is a lot of first-time smartphone users. *Pixlr* is a fun and powerful photo editor that lets you quickly crop, rotate and fine-tune any picture. Best of all, it's completely ad free. All you need to do to is create a free *Pixlr* account and you unlock premium content and features, such as Double Exposure with blend modes and Auto Contrast. With *Pixlr*, you import your image and choose from over 2 million combinations of free effects, overlays and borders to further personalise your image. This is such a powerful app that it has the ability to make you look like a pro. We're big fans of the helpful and simplistic Auto Fix feature - a one-click fix that balances out colours, adjusting for poor lighting conditions.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.1** | **Free**

● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

AUTODESK PIXLR



Whenever you think of Autodesk you don't necessarily think of free mobile apps on the iOS App Store. You're more likely to think of the software giants' ultra powerful 3D computing apps. Which is why *Autodesk Pixlr* should be

“Import your image and choose from over 2 million combinations of free effects”

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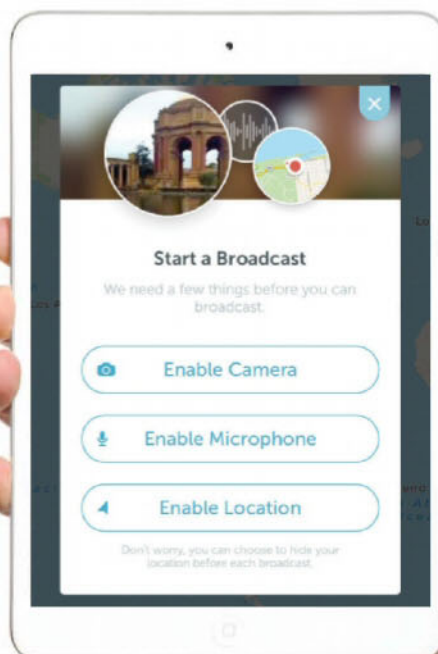


With *Periscope* you don't need a tripod to make a video, just your smartphone. From the same people that brought you *Twitter*, *Periscope* gives you everything you need to broadcast to the world. And because you sign in with your *Twitter* details, as soon as you go 'live' all your followers are notified and then able to send comments and hearts in real time. Replay to relive the comments and hearts if you missed out when filming.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 7.1** | **Free**

● **Android** | **OS 4.4** | **Free**

As soon as you start a broadcast your *Twitter* followers get notified



GET YOUR KICKS HERE

SPOTIFY MUSIC



You may well have taken up the option to trial *Apple Music* for three months, but *Spotify* remains the overall market leader in the world of music streaming. You can listen to tracks for free with ad breaks in shuffle mode or go premium for a £9.99/\$9.99 subscription that lets you make and share playlists and build a massive music collection offline to enjoy wherever you go.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0.3** | **Free**

NETFLIX



Netflix is to film and TV what *Spotify* is to music, giving you unlimited access to a huge collection of TV shows and films for a small monthly cost. New content is added on a daily basis, and more original content, such as *House of Cards* and *Better Call Saul* is commissioned regularly. Don't forget it's the only place in the UK where you can watch *Breaking Bad*, too.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

VINE



Vine aims to do to video what Twitter did for words by letting users create mini videos no more than six seconds long. There's a thriving social community at the centre of *Vine* that lets you find, follow and interact with other users and you'll be inspired by the amount of creativity on show - there's magic and trickery, stop-motion animation and comedy sketches galore.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

IMDb



IMDb used to simply be the home for all the film information you could possibly need, but now it's so much more. Find showtimes, watch trailers, browse photos, track your must-see list and rate your favourite movies and TV shows. There's over 1.5 million films and TV shows listed and over 3.2 million actors, actresses and directors documented, each page packed with vital information.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**

BBC iPLAYER



There is no better way to catch up on your favourite BBC shows than with its brilliant *iPlayer* app, which has recently extended the lifespan of its content to 30 days. The interface is very well thought out, making the app really easy to use. You can download TV shows to your device for offline viewing, or view live TV from any BBC channel over 3G/4G or Wi-Fi.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Free**

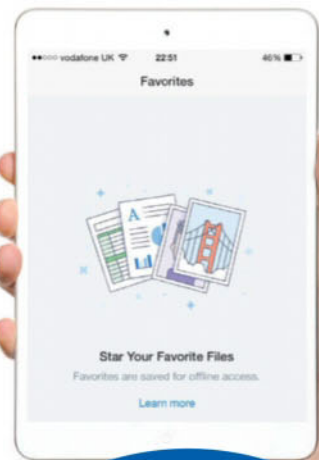
DROPBOX



An essential utility app, this is the mobile home of Dropbox, one of the most popular

cloud storage services available to smartphone users and the place to keep all your photos, docs, videos and other files. The contents of your *Dropbox* is safely backed up and is accessible on any device. You can even back up your entire Camera Roll to *Dropbox* for super-safe keeping, and sharing files is very simple.

● **iPad+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0.3** | **Free**



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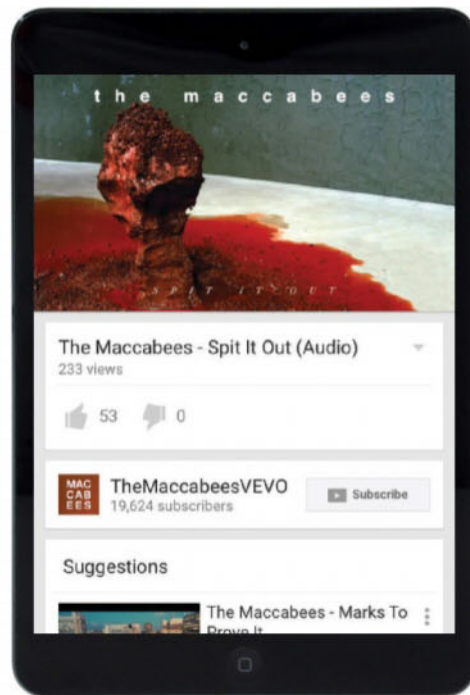
● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0.3** | **Free**

YOUTUBE



Nowadays Apple and Google don't see eye to eye particularly, so you have to make a trip to the App Store to get your hands on the app that gives you access to the world's largest collection of videos. This is the official way to catch up with your favourite channels and watch music videos (check out YouTube Mix - an infinite playlist with unlimited skips).

● **iPad+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**



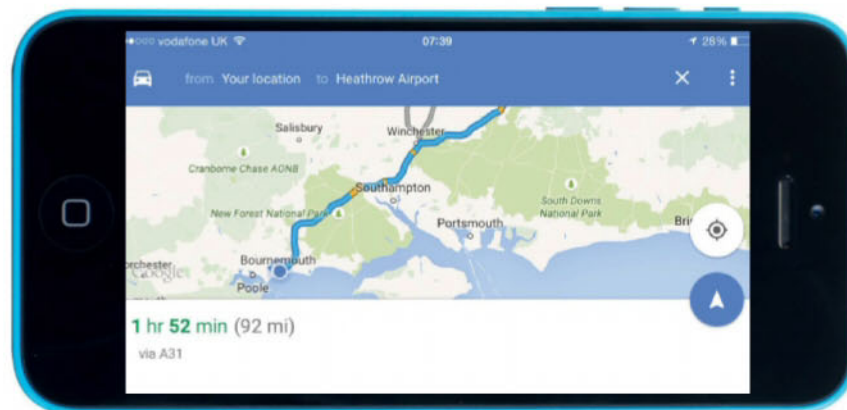
GOOGLE MAPS



It's hard to remember a world without satnavs and GPS. Now you have one in your pocket, meaning you don't need to carry round a map or worry about writing down directions on the back of an old bank statement. With *Google Maps* installed it makes navigating your world faster and easier. Its brilliant search engine will find just about anything you search for and give you all the information you need to get there. *Google Maps* has accurate maps in 220 countries and territories, as well as transit directions for over 15,000 cities and towns. With voice-guided GPS navigation for driving, biking and walking, you'll never get lost. You get a wide variety of information on more than 100 million

places, coupled with imagery for restaurants, museums and more. *Google Maps* can give you live traffic conditions, incident reports and automatic rerouting.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **Varies** | **Free**



SKY NEWS



Our favourite way of accessing the news on your phone, the *Sky News* app has been

downloaded over 3 million times and it's easy to see why. You get all the breaking news stories, but also so much more. Almost every story comes attached with video, image galleries, live blogs, graphs and interactive pictures. Turn on the notifications to always stay in the loop.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0.3** | **Free**

FIND MY iPhone



An essential and undervalued app, *Find My iPhone* does exactly what its name suggests, showing you the location of a lost device. It's all linked to your Apple ID and iCloud accounts, so that when the app finds your iPhone you can remotely lock it, play a sound, display a message, or erase all the data on it. There's also a Lost Mode that locks your device with a passcode.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free** *Find My iPhone* gives you plenty of options when it comes to lost devices



GAMING HEAVEN

REAL RACING 3



When a game reaches 100 million downloads you know it's going to be good. *Real Racing 3* is that and more. Take to the wheel with one of the 100 intensely detailed vehicles from iconic manufacturers like Ferrari, Porsche and Bugatti on one of the 12 real tracks like Silverstone. Check out the eight-player, cross-platform multiplayer mode too.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 4.0** | **Free**

REAL BOXING



For a free game, *Real Boxing* packs a big punch before you even get tempted to spend extra on in-app purchases. There's a full-blown career mode for starters and multiplayer with real prizes and intuitive controls. Couple all this with great gameplay and some jaw-dropping graphics and you've got yourself an essential App Store download.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Free**

TEMPLE RUN 2



Building on the massive worldwide success of the first game, *Temple Run 2* offers more of the exhilarating running, jumping, turning and sliding you know and love. The aim is to navigate perilous cliffs, zip lines, mines and forests as you try to escape from the monsters with the cursed idol and your life. Are you up to the task? A perilously addictive game!

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 5.1.1** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Free**

STICK TENNIS



Few games are as addictive as *Stick Tennis*. Easy to grasp, but devilishly difficult to master, *Stick Tennis* offers fast and frantic gameplay with cute graphics and a huge range of unique player styles and characteristics to unlock and play. Playing is as simple as a one-finger swipe, but the game rewards good tactical play too. World domination awaits.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.1** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3.3** | **Free**

8 BALL POOL



Originally a Miniclip desktop browser game you probably played for hours and hours, *8 Ball Pool* has found its way over to the iOS App Store. Refine your skills in the practice area, or take on the world in one-on-one matches or enter tournaments to win trophies and exclusive cues. There's a great ranking system too, which ensures the game is always a challenge.

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 6.0** | **Free**
● **Android** | **OS 2.3** | **Free**

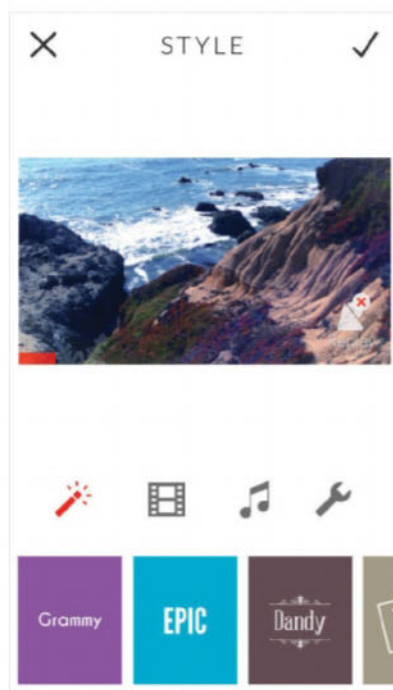
REPLAY VIDEO EDITOR



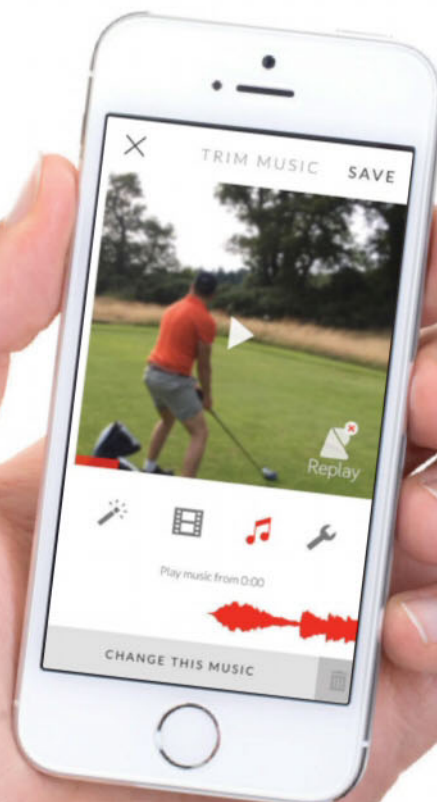
One of first things you'll want to experiment with on your new iPhone is the brilliant camera and video recorder

that comes as standard. Just load up your device's Camera app and head to the Video panel and you get some fantastic ways of recording video, such as the Slo-Mo mode, which records in a staggering 120 or 240 frames per second. There's also the Time-Lapse feature, which takes a still to a pre-defined time scale and stitches them together to create an impressive reel of eye-catching footage. To make the most of this, you'll want to get your hands on the *Replay Video Editor* app, which does an amazing job of inspiring you to make great movies. Everything promotes creative thinking when editing together the stuff you've shot. Once you've selected the clips that you want to edit together, *Replay* will apply a series of effects, music and filters to your sequence automatically and editing is done with a thumbnail view of all of your clips. Footage can be trimmed down and ordered as you like. Just don't forget to export it and share with all your friends on social networks!

● **iPhone+** | **iOS 8.0** | **Free**



Replay will add a soundtrack to your video by default



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MOVIES BY FLIXSTER

Flixster focuses more on movies that are currently showing, though it still has a comprehensive archive in the style of *IMDb* too – it's a little bit newer and fresher and easier on the eye. Check out trailers and showtimes for new and upcoming films, read reviews from users on *Rotten Tomatoes*, and even queue up films and shows on *Netflix*. If you want to know what's on at cinemas now, *Flixster* is one of the best.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0

| Free | v7.4

● Android | Varies

| Free | Varies



NETFLIX

What is there left to say about *Netflix*? The service has almost single-handedly revolutionised the way we watch movies and television in the digital age. The selection of small screen titles may be better than the movie choice, but there are still a ton of great films here, accessible on-demand to stream to a device of your choice. More movies than you can ever get around to watching for one flat monthly fee.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0

| Freemium | v7.1.5

● Android | Varies

| Freemium | Varies



SKY MOVIES

If you're a paying Sky Movies subscriber (via Sky or Virgin) then you can pick up the *Sky Movies* app and stream any of the films straight to your device for no extra cost. The official apps are well-designed and easy to navigate, and even if you haven't signed up for Sky Movies you can still browse through the information and trailers. An impressive app – but only really of interest to Sky Movies subscribers.

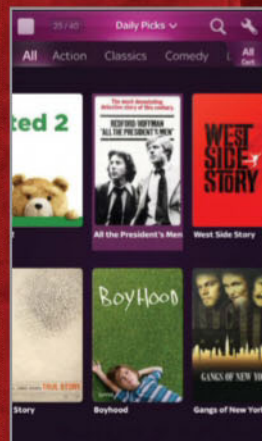
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0

| Freemium | v4.2

● Android | OS 4.0

| Freemium | v2.3



BBFC

The BBFC is the British Board of Film Classification and this official app tells you everything you need to know about how scary a particular film is or why a certain movie was rated 15 and not 18. It's particularly useful if you've got kids and want to know how suitable a film is, but beware of plot spoilers as you browse around. An alternative guide to the movies that you'll turn to again and again.

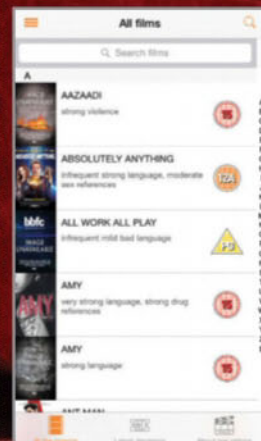
★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0

| Free | v2.1.0

● Android | OS 2.1

| Free | v1.2.1



IMDb MOVIES & TV

Usually the first name people think of when it comes to movie information on the Web, and with good reason: you're unlikely to find a more comprehensive guide to film and television shows than this one. With trivia, trailers, cast lists, news, discussion boards, showtimes and a lot more besides, you can easily get lost for hours. *IMDb* is still the app to beat for movie information and news.

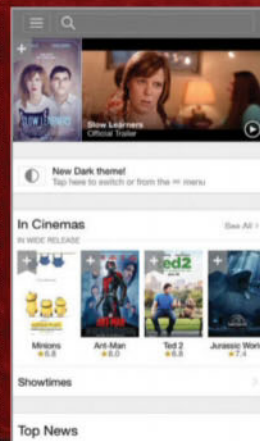
★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0

| Free | v5.6

● Android | Varies

| Free | Varies



SIMPLE MACHINES BY TINYBOP

SIMPLE GAMES TO EXPLAIN SIMPLE MACHINES TO COMPLEX YOUNG MINDS

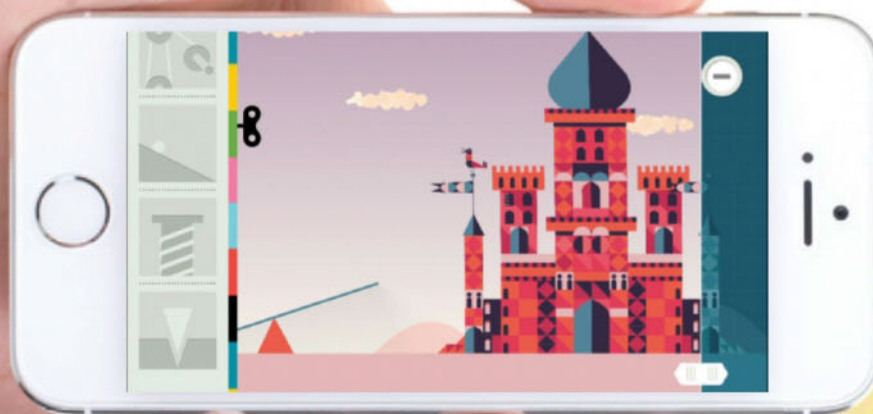
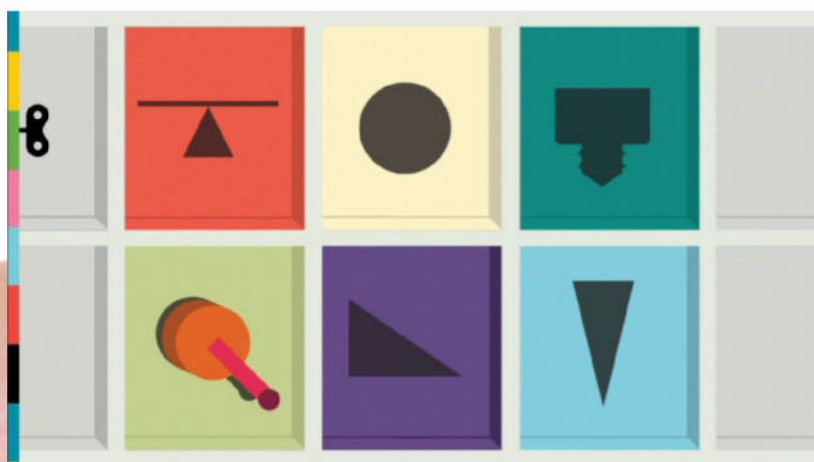
PROS/CONS

- ▲ Beautiful styling and approachable puzzles
- ▲ It helps to make learning physics enjoyable
- ▼ Setting up a profile is a - small - pain
- ▼ The "screw" game is a tad dull



During the course of human history, six simple machines have emerged which have allowed people to carry out their work. They are the lever, the wheel and axle, the inclined plane, the wedge, the pulley and the screw. Understanding the concepts and complex physics principles behind these can enlighten young minds and that is where this puzzle-based app comes in.

Below The puzzles are chosen from this simple blocky menu, quickly taking children to the games



Simple Machines introduces children to the fundamentals of physics without them even knowing it by wrapping them up in a series of curious, colourful interactions which invite exploration and experimentation. It concentrates on each of the simple machines in turn, giving players a specific aim and then letting them get on with working out how to achieve it. The inclined planes, for instance, let players create music.

The app allows children to work out the different types of pulley systems and how certain ones cope with more weight than others. It's entirely educational and whether players are conducting experiments or understanding more about direction, distance and the strength of forces, they can't help but pick up vital principles.

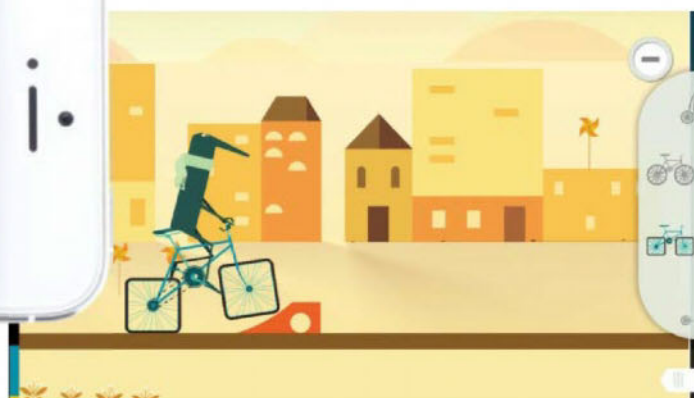
To aid children, makers Tinybop also have printable worksheets and a handbook available and everything is integrated into the STEM curriculum. Given that it is aimed at four to six-year-olds, it will need some parental supervision: some of the puzzles may not be immediately obvious. An adult will also need to be on hand during the fiddly profile setting process and to point out the little nuances such as the sliders and the settings that allow for visual pointers and sound and vision toggling. Once children get to grips with *Simple Machines*, it will engross them for hours, stretching their minds in the process.



Another winner from Tinybop that helps to make science a whole load more fun for curious young minds.



● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | £2.49/\$2.99 | v1.0.2
bit.ly/simplemachinesios



Above The app encourages children to experiment

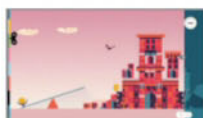
SHOWCASE

Five ways to learn physics



01 Playing pinball

The inclined planes are used to help manoeuvre the balls to play music. The longer a spring is held, the more force it releases.



02 Pivoting bars

This feels a bit like Angry Birds but with a strong emphasis on how levers work. The fulcrum can be adjusted, testing output force.



03 Wheel and axle

This section teaches about the wheel and axle. It teaches that different wheels are useful for different situations.



04 Using pulleys

Elaborate pulley systems help to lift the heaviest objects into the air. By pulling down on the rope, input forces are applied.



05 Ice cold

The games have incentives such as seeing what happens when you drive a wedge into this ice. There are some lovely animations.

2000 AD FEATURING JUDGE DREDD



If you're after *Judge Dredd* and *2000AD* comic books, look no further

THE LAW DOESN'T MAKE MISTAKES. DO APPS?



Aimed squarely at fans of the comic book series *2000AD*, this store and reader app is a *Judge Dredd* fest, offering an incredible number of comics about the future lawman stretching back 37 years. The vast majority of the content must be paid for, with prices ranging from the cheap to the wallet-bashing. But the idea is that you will have all of your reading material in the one place and this is where the app excels.

It divides the comics up into specific sections including *2000AD*, the *Judge Dredd Magazine*, specials and graphic novels. It also has free content although this section is sparsely populated (there are free back issues for those who subscribe to either *2000AD* or the *Magazine*, though). Buying an issue is as simple as tapping on it to order and then waiting for it to download. Tapping Read will let you browse by swiping left and right.

If you bookmark pages they will be shown in a bookmark tab and if you want to view all of your owned content, you can do so in the account section. The biggest criticism is that



Left You can, as expected, view the comic books on your device's screen as they appear on the page

there is no separate section for the items you have purchased. You need to navigate via the store and look for the downloaded icons which can make it rather messy. *Judge Dredd* fans will snap it up, though. He is the law, after all.

If you want to subscribe to one of the comics, this accessible app is the way to go.

★★★★★

● **iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v1.1**
bit.ly/2000addreddios

● **Android | OS 4.0.3 | Freemium | v1.2.1**
bit.ly/2000addreddand

RA GUIDE CAN THIS APP BE AS ELECTRIFYING AS THE MUSIC IT HELPS YOU DISCOVER?



RA Guide is the new app by the online music magazine *Resident Advisor*. It allows users to discover the best clubs, DJs and electronic music in your area as well as around the world and it claims to have information on a

million DJs, artists, venues and events that are personalised to your taste and location.

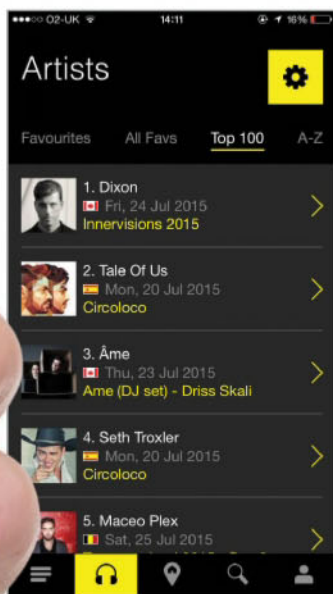
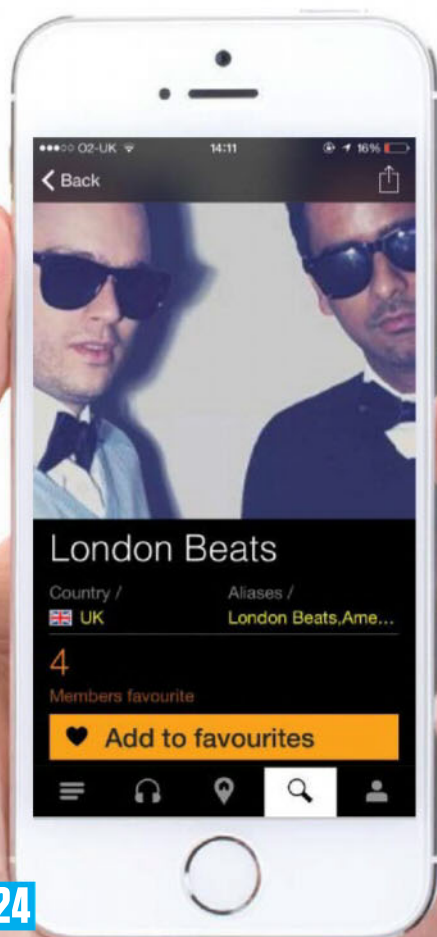
The app certainly sings. It has bold presentation, presenting search results clearly and concisely while letting you tap to find out more. When seeking events, you can search through favourites, those close by and the most popular and you not only get to see the actual times and dates but prices and booking information (you can book through the app).

We like being able to seek out artists and add them to favourites. The entries don't contain lots of information about them but you do get to see where and when they will be appearing. You can also look for clubs in general in particular cities and see how many other people are like-minded. What's more you are able to add DJs and artists via your *iTunes* library, taking out a lot of the legwork involved. With recommendations and the ability to share information on social media, it is clear much work has gone into this app. Though to need to log in for some of the features is a pain.

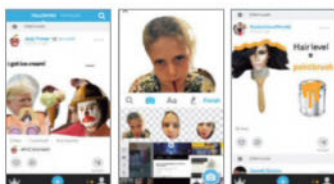
Apps You'll be rocking to the beat of this well-presented and useful music app.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.3**
bit.ly/raguideios



Above Find your favourite artists and see when they are due to play



KITCUT - VISUAL MASHUP

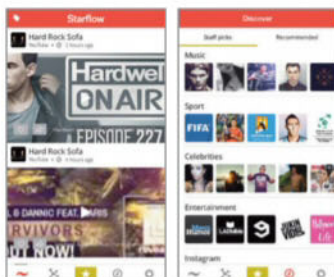


The social side of *KitCut* is well done and makes for an experience which is easy to get into and which feels welcoming from the very first second. You can create mashups of photos which are built by simply cutting out objects such as faces. The end results can be very entertaining. However, we struggled a little to create end results that felt natural and which didn't look like they had been put together in too much of a hurry. Take your time, however, and you may be surprised.

A good idea with excellent social ambitions, but the app could be improved.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.2



STARFLOW

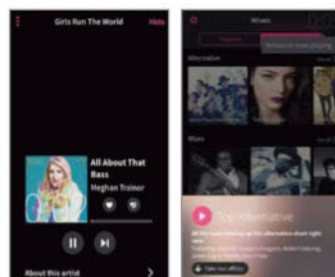


Social networks are now so vast and busy that it can be hard to find the stars that you are genuinely interested in. *Starflow*, however, will help you cut through all of the content and find your favourites in an instant thanks to its simple interface. It covers multiple networks and splits the myriad of famous people into logical categories, and doesn't really put a foot wrong. If you are really struggling to find the right people, this is an app that's well worth trying out.

Cut through the noise and follow your favourite stars online with ease.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0



MIXRADIO



Apple Music and *Spotify* may be grabbing all of the headlines at the moment, but you would miss out if you did not try *MixRadio*. Like other services, it learns from what you listen to and some of the mixes are truly exceptional. The interface is clean, the performance is fast and it is almost perfect for anyone who loves discovering new music every single day.

A brilliantly simple music streaming solution.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.2

● Android | OS 4.1

| Free | v3.2.2205



CRAYOLA DJ



Mixing apps tend to be created for adults, but here we have a clever and colourful version for kids. The extensive list of loops is impressive and so is the ability to perform, but best of all it is extremely easy for a child to understand and to use. Indeed, this is one of the most carefully thought out children's apps we have seen to date. It's very clever.

A brilliant introduction to musical creativity.

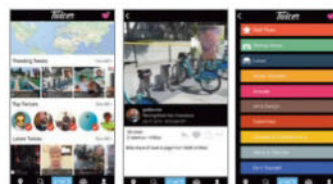
★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1

| £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0

● Android | OS 4.0

| £1.52/\$2.37 | v1.0.6



TWICER

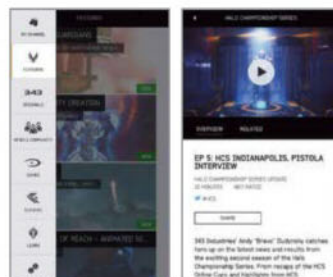


Twicer is a neat little app that lets anyone record their voice over a video for humorous effect. And it's a system that really does work well. You can use your own videos or media from other users and it should only take a few minutes to record a fun clip to share with your friends. You will get better over time, but the network feels a little limited at this juncture. As the app becomes more popular, it could start to infiltrate the consumer social networking space, but at this time it feels like it needs a few more features to make it truly shine and stand out from the crowd.

An interesting and collaborative social media idea, but it needs some work.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.1 | Free | v2.0.3



HALO CHANNEL



If you play *Halo* often and have a desire to understand more about the universe you are playing within, this app will be perfect for you. *Halo Channel* contains user content, background data and useful multi-player strategies from pro players which will be interesting and useful for any devout *Halo* player. For everyone else, however, it may feel a bit too specialised to be worth downloading.

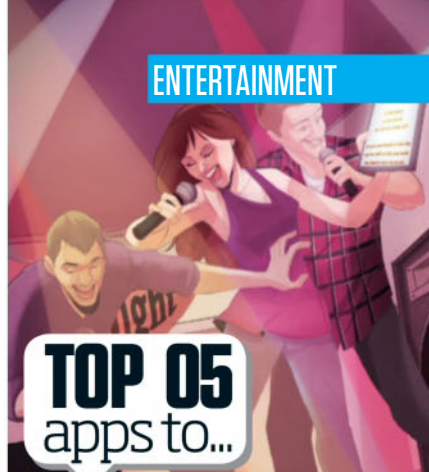
Fans of *Halo* will love the content, but it isn't too interesting for everyone else.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.1 | Free | v2.0.0

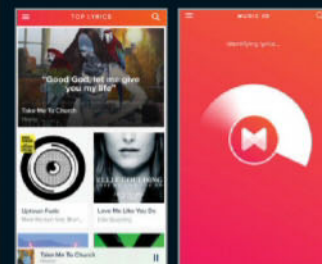
● Android | OS 4.4

| Free | v2.0.0.2125



TOP 05
apps to...

SING KARAOKE



01 MUSIXMATCH



Similar to *Shazam*, you can use *Musixmatch* to identify any song that's playing, but it will then give you the complete lyrics.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1

| Freemium | v5.0.4

● Android | OS 2.3

| Freemium | Varies

02 SING! BY SMULE



Like a global karaoke party, *Sing!* is a social network for performing your favourite songs while other users watch.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0

| Freemium | v4.3.0

● Android | OS 4.0.3

| Freemium | v3.1.3

03 SING SHARP, LEARN TO SING



Improve your singing voice while warbling along to your favourite tunes with this unique vocal training app.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v2.1.1

04 DISNEY KARAOKE: FROZEN



If you know all the words to 'Let It Go', sing along to the original score with this official app. Includes songs, videos and lyrics.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0

| £5.99/\$7.99 | v1.1.2

● Android | OS 4.0

| £5.32/\$7.99 | v02.00.11

05 YOKEE



Browse through *YouTube*'s catalogue of music videos, record yourself singing along, add sound effects to improve your singing voice, and share the results.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0

| Freemium | v10.4.6

● Android | OS 4.0.3

| Freemium | v2.0.196

TAKE BETTER PHOTOS

UNLOCK YOUR CREATIVE POTENTIAL WITH THESE MANUAL CAMERA APPS

CAMERA+

Another app that aims to convert your basic iPhone camera into a makeshift DSLR, *Camera+* is designed to help both amateurs and professionals fall in love with taking photos on their phone. Featuring 16 scene modes, tons of professional features, and over 30 one-touch filters, if you're after a camera app that's smart, powerful, and accessible, look no further. By combining camera improvements with editing tools, *Camera+* becomes a near-perfect package.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v 6.3.1



MANUAL

If it's clear, concise control you're after, *Manual* has your back. By letting you independently adjust your shutter speed, ISO, white balance, focus, and exposure compensation, *Manual* will ensure your photos come out just the way you want. It might not have as many features as other iOS apps, but remember: less can be more. Arguably the best at what it does, what the *Manual* app lacks in variety it makes up for in precision.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v 1.1.1



PROCAMERA 8

As well as being a top-of-the-line piece of editing software, *ProCamera 8* also lets you control what you capture, giving you the ability to set explicit values for exposure, ISO sensitivity, and white balance. Manual focus, a remote trigger for Apple Watch, and vividHDR round off an already impressive package. Value for money. An affordable, incredibly versatile app perfect for mobile photographers that value variety.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1
 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v 6.3



VSCO CAM

The self-proclaimed 'standard of mobile photography', *VSCO Cam* is a manual camera app that doubles as a social network, letting you take perfect pictures and share them through your VSCO Journal. Less of a dedicated camera app than our other entries, VSCO's lack of options is offset by slick design and a generous freemium model. A free app that's mastered the basics, *VSCO Cam* is ideal for entry level photographers.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
 | Freemium | v 4.2.9
 ● Android | OS 4.0
 | Freemium | v 3.3.5



PROSHOT

You're never going to replace your DSLR with your phone, but for those times when you want to capture a fleeting moment, or even leave your hefty camera at home, *ProShot*'s vast array of features and customisation options will ensure you can get exactly the shot you want, even if you are rocking an iPhone.

Bursting with features, *ProShot* offers DSLR quality for under £3.

★★★★★
 ● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v 2.5.2
 ● Android | Varies
 | £2.32 | v 1.4.2



BUZZFEED NEWS

GOT AN INSATIABLE APPETITE FOR NEWS? THIS MAY COVER IT



BuzzFeed has been around for 11 years and, in that time, it has gained a reputation for pumping out lots of list-type articles. In 2014, a huge amount of money was injected into the company and, while many newspapers and magazines have tried to mimic its frivolous style, BuzzFeed has been going the other way: serious news is now on the agenda.

This app taps into that perfectly with a diet of hard reporting curated and - in the main, written - by its own staff. It offers a speedy catch up consisting of bullet pointed headlines as well as a run of the day's stories. Each one shows a headline, an intro and an image while giving you the ability to share or read further with a single tap.

The articles are comprehensive, often mixing reportage with Twitter, YouTube and other sources to build a rounder picture of a story. It is such use of quotes, Vines and other modern tale-telling methods that stands the app apart from most rivals but with BuzzFeed's vast experience in such areas, this is to be expected.

PROS/CONS

- ▲ It's an easy app to dip in and out of
- ▲ You can set up specific alerts
- ▼ It needs to have more categories
- ▼ A better headline overview would be nice

Below You can tailor the app so that it works the way you want it, complete with notifications

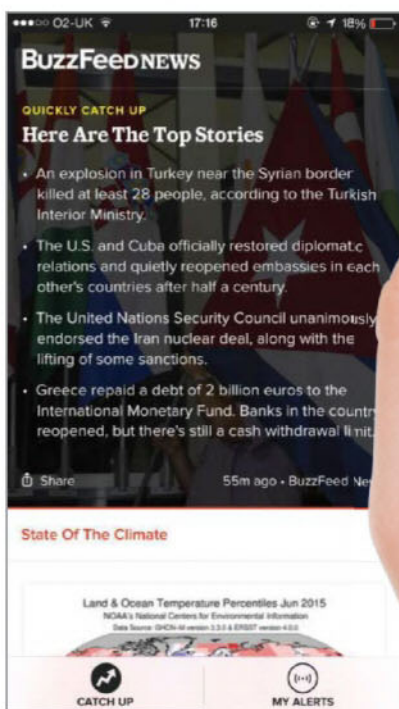
It's a shame then that, as it stands, the output is so skewed to users in the United States which could be off-putting to those in other parts of the world. Yet, even so, with a tap of My Alerts, it is possible to tailor the news to suit your taste, with the choices including major breaking and world news. You also select news relating to LGBT issues, business and technology, celebrity and entertainment and sports (big stories get their own section which is great for keeping abreast of changing situations).

This makes it an interesting app to keep handy, letting you dip in and out for briefings and reaction. A more comprehensive overview of the headlines would be nice to cut down on scrolling but the app certainly keeps its rivals on their toes.

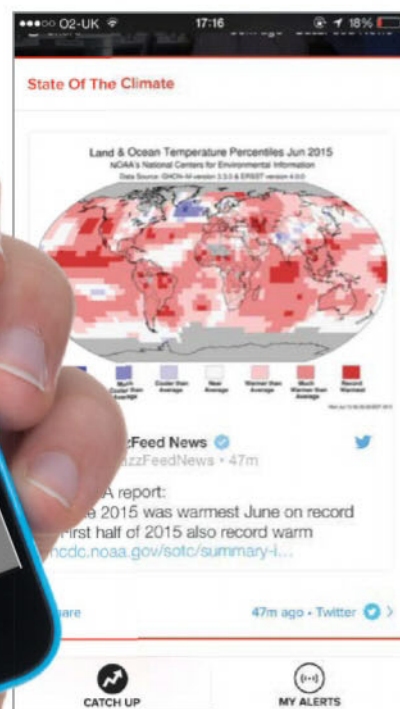
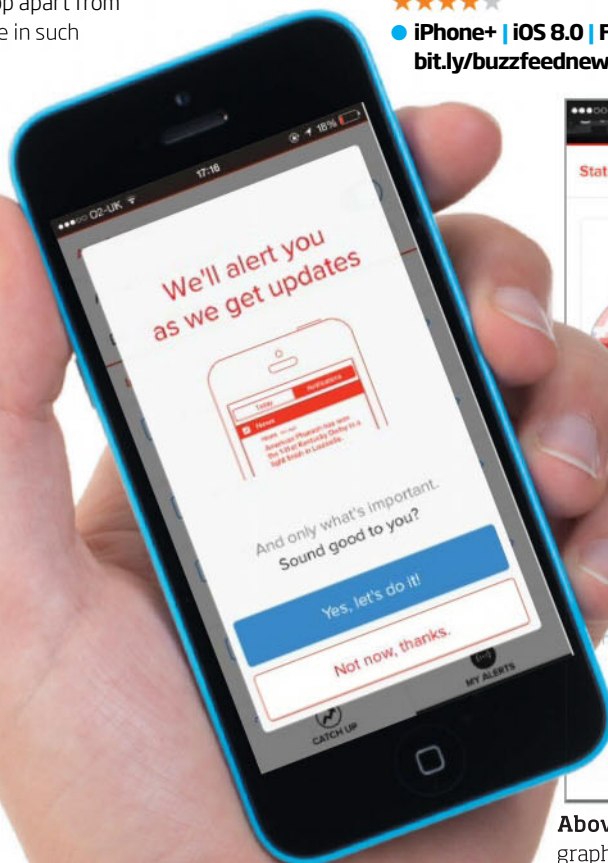
Get notifications and solid overviews of breaking news stories written with a fresh approach.



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.2
bit.ly/buzzfeednewsios



Above A bullet point list of headlines is shown as a catch-up when launched



Above There are also some interesting graphics and brief reports

ALTERNATIVELY

If you're not a fan of BuzzFeed, try these apps for your daily dose of news

01 KITE



Kite combines journalistic and the social curation of news, allowing what you see to be informed by those who use the app. You can also share interesting news and articles with friends.



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1
 | Free | v1.4

02 LINKEDIN PULSE



Powered by the professional social network, Pulse gives you news based on the industry you work in. Find out what's trending.



● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
 | Free | v1.0.1
 ● Android | OS 4.0.3
 | Free | v5.0.20

03 BBC NEWS



Not only do you get news from some of the best reporters in the business but UK users can also view the BBC News Channel streamed live.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
 | Free | v3.0.6
 ● Android | Varies
 | Free | Varies

04 FLIPBOARD



Aggregate news from a wide variety of sources from *The Guardian* to the *Financial Times* and lots more, presented in a magazine format.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
 | Free | v3.3.2
 ● Android | Varies
 | Free | Varies

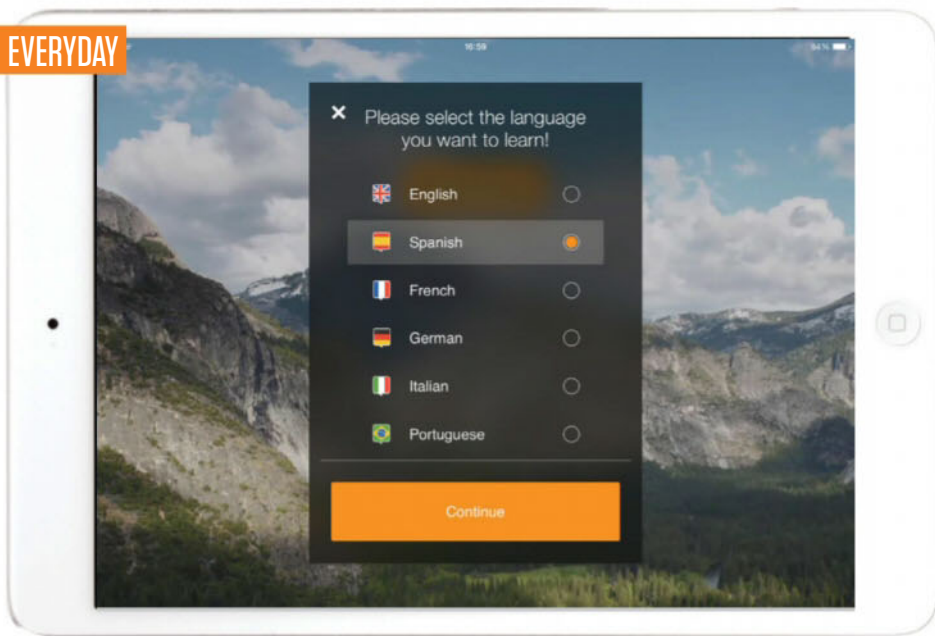
05 APPLE NEWS



It's not out yet but those who have seen this aggregation service that pulls in news from lots of outlets have been impressed. Check for it with the upcoming iOS 9 software update.



● iPhone+ | iOS 9.0
 | Free | v1.0



BABBEL

STRENGTHEN YOUR LANGUAGE SKILLS

+B In terms of language learning, *Rosetta Stone* is the top dog but it is prohibitively expensive for the majority of people. *Babbel* lets you get started with learning a range of languages for free, before charging you a small fee to continue your lesson.

Each language has dozens of courses covering different aspects of life, such as

complete beginner, pronunciation and holiday phrases. Each course has up to 20 lessons that increase in difficulty. Only the first lesson of each course is free, with the rest hidden behind a subscription plan, so it's up to you if you want to take your language learning beyond the extreme basics.

The lessons are fairly varied and have an interactive school lesson feel to them. There

Left The feeling of being back at school is strong here

Below The conversations are useful for learning the context of words



is a section where you blindly guess which multiple choice answer is correct but then you build on that knowledge by then having to put what you learnt into a conversation and even spell it out from an anagram. This does make you think fairly hard about what you're learning and, although it didn't stick as well as listening and repeating like many of us did in school, it was a lot more fun.

This could be a good product but should let you get further for free and include more situational learning.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v5.1**
bit.ly/babbelallios

● **Android | OS 4.1 and up | Freemium | v5.4**
bit.ly/babbelalland

BITTORRENT SHOOT

SIMPLE FILE SHARING BETWEEN DEVICES ON A NETWORK

🔗 The BitTorrent brand is most often associated with music and movie downloads of dubious legality, but there's much more to the name than that. *Shoot* is the company's latest app, and it's completely legit – you can use it to share batches of photos or large video files with other people nearby, and the fact that it works on iOS, Android and Windows Phone means just about everyone with a smartphone or tablet can take advantage of this app.

To the app's credit, it's bright and chunky and easy to use. The act of selecting photos or videos is very straightforward, and then you're presented with a QR code that all your friends have to scan. On the downside, we weren't actually able to get a transfer to work (sending between an iOS and Android device), which suggests that there are a few bugs to iron out.

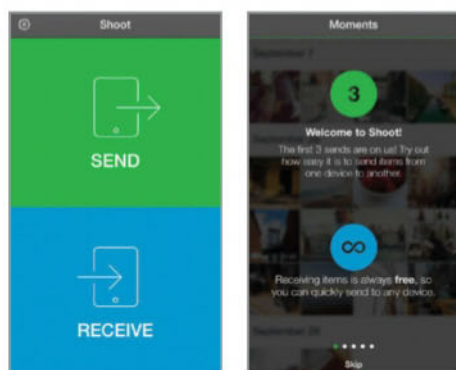
Based on the app's reviews, some users seem to be able to transfer files fine while others struggle – something to do with the configuration of the local Wi-Fi network perhaps? Whatever the cause, it's bad news for an app that's based around simplicity and ease-of-use. Another downside is you only get three sends for free, and then you have to stump up for the (admittedly quite low) in-app fee.

An impressive idea but there's lots of work for BitTorrent to do here.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Freemium | v1.0.36**
bit.ly/bittorrentshootios

● **Android | OS 4.0 | Freemium | v1.0.1.125**
bit.ly/bittorrentshootand



Above The app is well-designed and straightforward

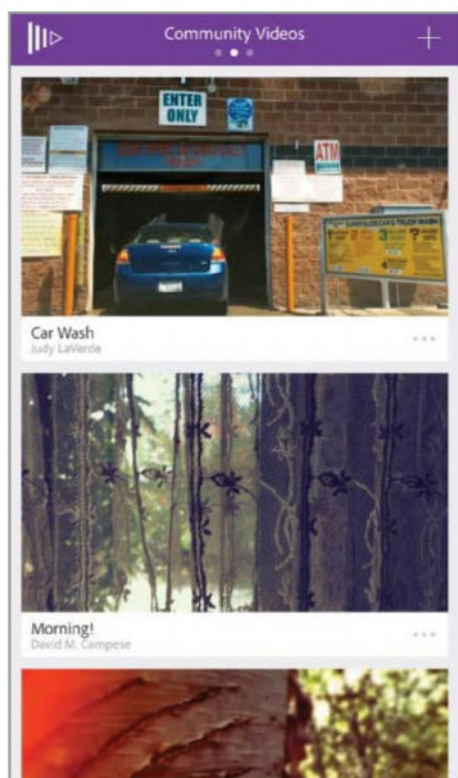
Above You only get the first three sends for free

Right We tried, but we couldn't get our devices to connect



ADOBE PREMIERE CLIP

ADOBE WANT TO MAKE VIDEO EDITING EASIER THAN EVER

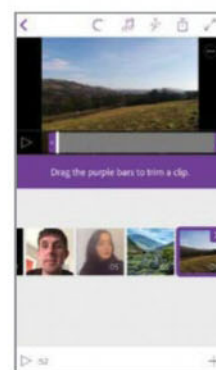


Adobe makes some pretty heavyweight creative software packages, but it's shown in the past it's not averse to throwing out some free beginner tools for the rest of us. Case in point: *Adobe Premiere Clip*. This fast and friendly video editor helps you get your clips looking as good as they can be without bogging you down with menus and tools.

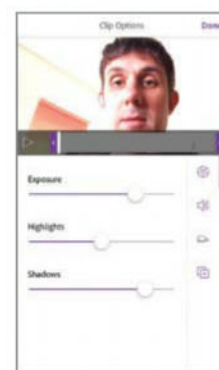
Getting your scenes together and trimming them to the right lengths is a breeze using drag-and-drop, and if you want to get more involved you can change the lighting, drop in a transition or two or even try out a slow-motion effect. Audio can be added (either your own or something from a stock library) and then of course you get the usual sharing options. If more edits are needed you can export the footage to Premiere Pro CC on the desktop.

If that list of features sounds about all you're going to have need for, then *Clip* is well worth

Left You can also check out videos uploaded by other users



Above A selection of free audio clips is at your disposal



Above There are many ways to tweak your imported clips

checking out, though we'd like to see more transition and titling options. The interface is slick and smooth and you can have a lot of fun playing around with short videos on the go. Of course if you're doing something serious you're going to need a desktop editor, but Adobe seems to have found that sweet spot for mobile between complexity and ease-of-use.

One of the best lightweight video editing apps for mobile devices to appear so far.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.2.1
bit.ly/premiereclips

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MAPSTR

PIN YOUR FAVOURITE PLACES SO YOU CAN ALWAYS FIND YOUR WAY FROM A TO B

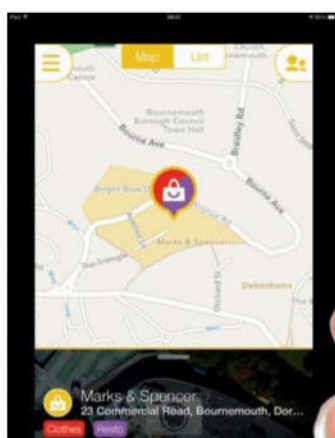


Keeping track of all your favourite places and travel destinations can be tough. It's not easy to remember postcodes and it can be a nightmare trawling through your notes to find all your saved addresses. With *Mapstr*, not only can you locate and pin your favourite places but you can also categorise them and add in detailed notes, for example reminding you that you loved the lasagne last time you went to that particular restaurant.

The map is intuitively designed with unobtrusive icons at the top for switching between the map and your list of destinations. The menu at the left of the screen lets you select just a certain category, such as restaurants, to make your destination options easier to see and the right lets you see friends' saved destinations.

The app is bright and colourful, adding a real zest to what could be a potentially dull app. Each category is colour coded to make them easier to differentiate and the overall design is really positive.

Tapping on a saved location brings up an image of it as well as a space for writing notes. With one click you can also plan a route from your current location to the saved place or send it to a friend who's maybe a bit lost.



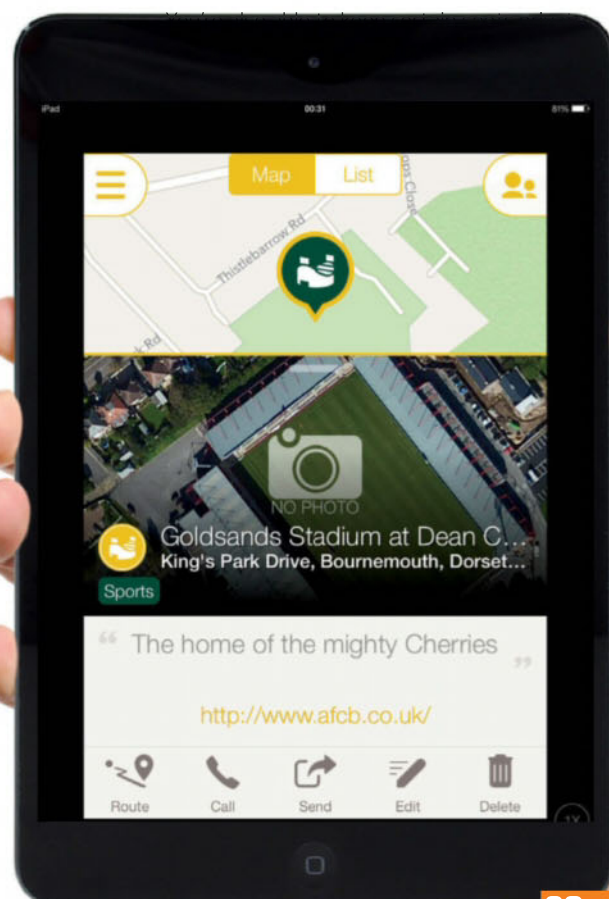
Above A couple of taps take you to the fastest route from A to B



This map app has everything. Note support, good design, sensible layout and an easily navigable map.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.1
bit.ly/mapstrios



TOP 05 apps to...

TRACK YOUR FOOTSTEPS



01 PEDOMETER++

This is the simplest and most accurate step counter we have seen to date. It merely tracks steps, lets you set a goal and then export the results. It's brilliant.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0
| Freemium | v2.2.1

02 RUNKEEPER

RunKeeper tracks much more than just your steps. From running to bike rides with audio updates and smartwatch support along the way, the feature set is impressive and complete.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Freemium | v5.8
● Android | Varies
| Freemium | v5.8.3

03 MOVES

Moves tracks your daily activity in a highly visual way which becomes more informative the more you use the app. For a free solution, it covers all of the bases and you can view your routes on a map.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.6.6
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.5.9

04 NIKE+ MOVE

Nike+ Move takes your movements and converts them into 'fuel' which is aimed at calculating your exact effort throughout each day. It can be complex to understand, but it works.

★★★★★

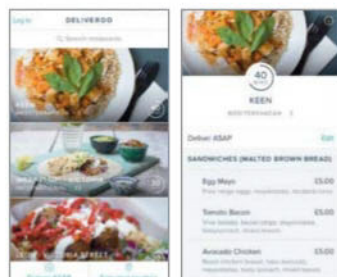
● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.1.2

05 WALKMETER GPS Pedometer

If you want to analyse your steps and other activities you complete in detail, you should try this. The feature set is huge so it may not be ideal for everyone.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v10.4.6



DELIVEROO



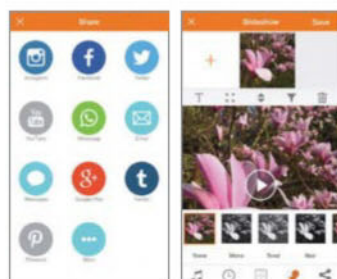
You may be tired of the countless delivery services that are popping up powered

by apps. Food is a particularly popular area and with *Deliveroo* you now have a new option. It is only currently available in certain areas and there is a delivery charge, but the way the app is presented is impressive and the variety of establishments available should be more than enough for anyone. If you live in the right city, it is worth checking out to enjoy the experience.

Yet another food delivery service, but it is one that does actually work.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.1



YOVIVO!



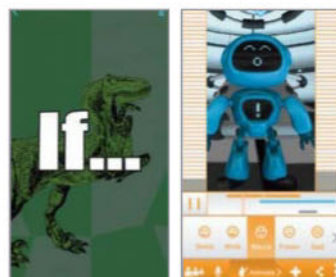
Many of us have thousands of photos stored on more than one online

photo service and this can make a collection difficult to manage. *YoVivo!* is a clever app which will help you get around any problems by letting you view all of your collections in one place without the app actually storing them. It is quick to use and the way it is built means that it is also very secure, so it could be the perfect solution to bring order to your ever growing photo collection.

Bring structure to your online photo accounts and get your collection in order.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0.0



HEADCASTER



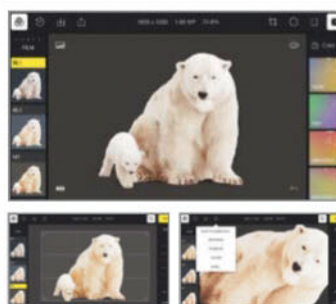
Headcaster is a great idea which is well implemented. You get to create public

or private messages to share with friends or over social networks and in theory it lets you speak more freely because animated figures are used for the visuals instead of you. The creation process is simple and it all works as you would expect, and it could be expanded even further.

A clever and unique message creation app with the potential to do so much more.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.50
● Android | OS 4.2
| Freemium | v1.50.150612



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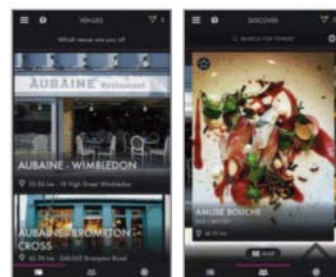


The promise of this app is to bring professional photo editing features to

your mobile device and there is no doubt that it does that. It can be a little tricky to use at first, but when you consider what it can achieve, the effort will be worthwhile. However, we feel that for a photo editing app to truly stand out, it needs to offer a huge amount of originality in a crowded market. It feels a little too familiar. **The professional editing features here inspire, but we have seen some it before.**

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 8.3
| Freemium | v1.0



VELOCITY



If you eat out a lot, this convenient app could save you time and potentially

money as well. Not only does it let you find and reserve tables at your favourite restaurants, but it also offers rewards and will even help you split the bill with friends instantly. Coverage proved to be a little hit and miss in our tests, but if it improves this could be the perfect virtual dinner guest to take with you.

A clever and complete dining app which has a huge amount of potential.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.11
● Android | OS 4.0.3
| Free | v2.064



MAKE MY DAY



We can't fault the quality of the content and visuals in *Make My Day* and the provider

(Lonely Planet) is of course very well known in this area. If you are visiting one of the included cities you will gain something from it, but unfortunately there is just not enough content which makes it feel like more of an advertisement for the much more beneficial traditional books.

Great presentation and useful content, but there really is not enough of it.

★★★★★

● iPhone | iOS 8.0
| Freemium | v1.0.4
● Android | OS 4.0.3
| Freemium | v1.0.4.2v1

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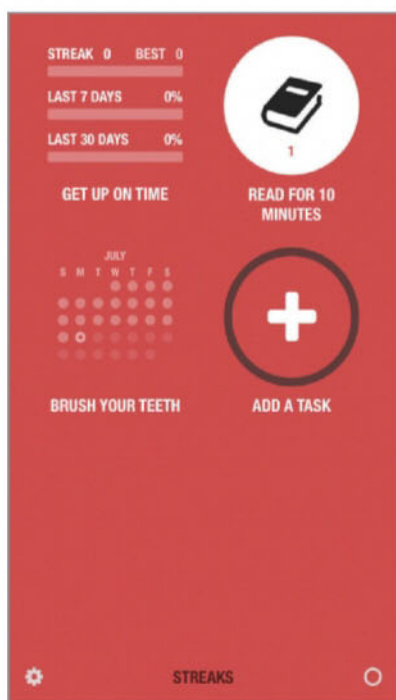
You can score absolutely anything on Just a Score. Our favourite this month was seeing how you rated console spin-off Fallout Shelter for iPhone and iPad

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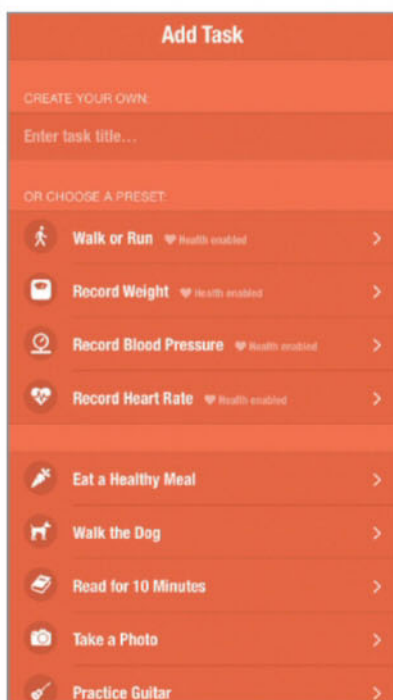
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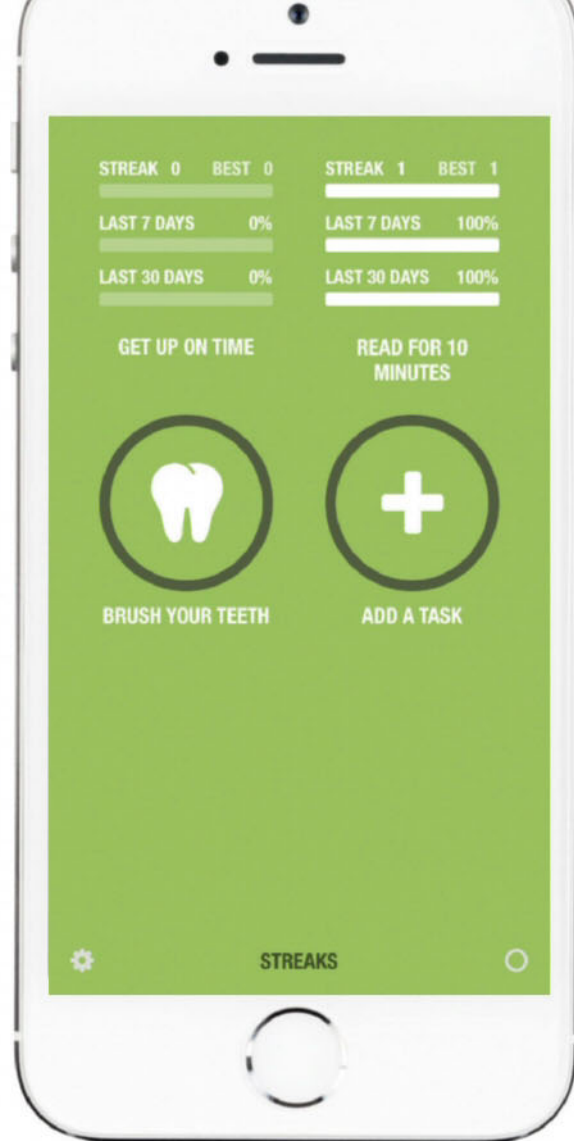




Above The task view can be tweaked to show different data



Above *Streaks* is a simple app you'll learn to use in seconds



STREAKS

LOG YOUR DAILY HABITS AND CHANGE YOUR LIFESTYLE

PROS/CONS

- ▲ Neat design and intuitive to use
- ▲ Cuts out most unnecessary clutter
- ▼ Six task limit can be a problem
- ▼ No historical data view



Streaks is nothing to do with washing clothes or running naked across a football pitch and everything to do with forming habits to improve your life. The 'streaks' in question are the continuous run of days where you hit your target, whatever that might be: walking a certain distance, reading part of a book, brushing your teeth and so on. You can set daily or weekly targets or somewhere in between.

Considering you could do this with just a pen and paper, *Streaks* needs to earn the money you're shelling out for it. It does this by making it ultra-simple to set up, track and review the habits (or streaks) you want to keep up with – you can set up your own tasks with a couple of taps on the screen, or you can choose one of the presets provided. It ties in with the *Apple Health* app too (if you want to import your walking achievements each day, for example).

The tasks overview screen lets you quickly see which streaks you're doing well on while the calendar provides an at-a-glance view of your progress. You can only track

six streaks at once, presumably to keep the interface as uncluttered as possible, and you can turn daily reminders on or off through the settings page.

Streaks has got a lot going for it: it's very nicely designed, it's simple to use, and there's no doubt it could really make a difference if it happens to fit with the way you live and work. On the downside, the six task limit seems a bit arbitrary, and there's no opportunity to really dig deep into the data. You can only review your recent runs rather than track progress over time, for example.

If you're not already using an app or a pad of paper to do this then *Streaks* is definitely worthy of your consideration – just don't expect too much beyond the basics.

***Streaks* is a simple idea that's executed well, but there are some minor drawbacks to it, such as the six task limit.**

★★★★★

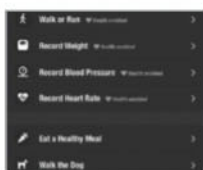
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1 | £2.99/\$3.99 | v1.2
bit.ly/streaksios

HOW TO...

set up a task in *Streaks*



01 Add a task
 The Add a task button is on the Tasks screen – tap once on the button to get started.



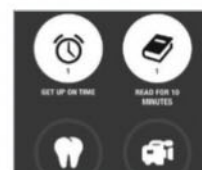
02 Task choice
 Pick a task template from the next screen or start your own using the field at the top.



03 Set options
 Some tasks need more details from you, like the distance you want to walk or run.

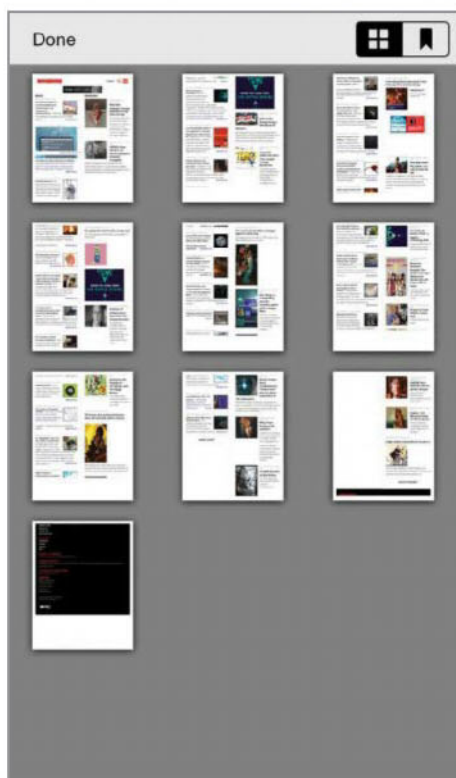


04 Pick your days
 Tasks don't have to be daily, so make your days of the week selection here.



05 Tap and hold
 Tap and hold on the appropriate task button to confirm that you've done it that day.

PDFBROWSIFY



Above You can quickly convert open sites into PDF documents

CONVERT WEBPAGES INTO PDF DOCUMENTS FOR OFFLINE READING AND ARCHIVING.



PDFBrowsify sticks to one job: converting websites into PDF files. That, and the fact it's pretty good at the task, is all you need to know. To start off with the browser itself, it's a clunky and uninspiring bit of software compared with the likes of *Safari* or *Chrome*, but its main purpose is simply to load up sites ready for PDF conversion, and this it does well. There is support for bookmarks and tabs but not much beyond that.

The all-important Convert to PDF option is given pride of place on the app menu and this part of the operation is very fast – you'll barely notice it's happening, even on larger sites. There's a very rough and ready feel though, and formatting and layout isn't always translated perfectly (some blog sites would separate posts onto individual pages while others wouldn't). It's better for converting individual articles rather than entire sites based on our round of testing.



Above The browser part of the app isn't all that inspiring

The app includes a rudimentary file manager for your saved PDFs, a handful of settings for configuring documents and enough sharing options for you to be able to get your PDFs out to wherever they're needed. It's basic and could use some spit and polish, but *PDFBrowsify* does what it promises to do efficiently enough.

Rough around the edges but just about worth the price of admission in the end.



● **iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | \$0.79/\$0.99 | v1.0**
bit.ly/pdfbrowsifyios

IVY BIG NUMBER CALCULATOR

A GOOGLE SIDE-PROJECT FOR KEEN MATHEMATICIANS



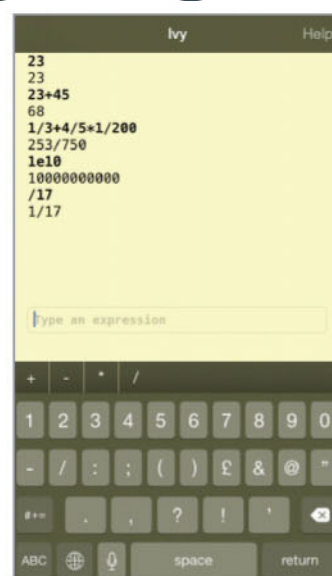
Google's latest official app is unlikely to become as popular as *Gmail* or *Google Maps*, but it's interesting nevertheless.

Ivy Big Number Calculator deals in advanced mathematical calculations: arbitrary floating point formatting, exact rational arithmetic, high precision irrational arithmetic, APL-like vector and matrix operations, and trigonometric, logarithmic, and exponential functions.

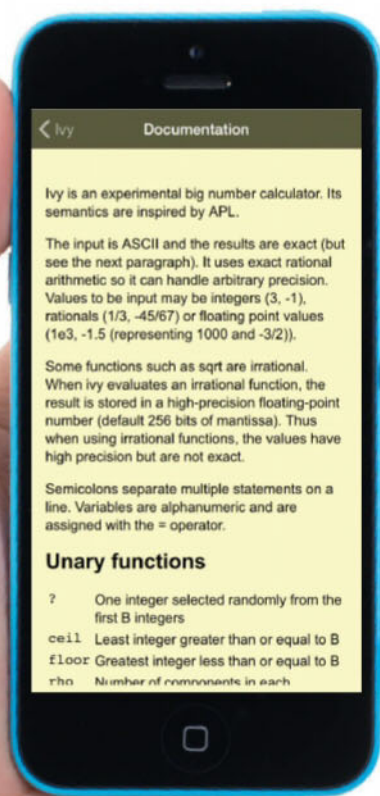
If that was all gibberish to you then move on, but students and maths professionals may just find *Ivy* invaluable. Google says it's very much a "work in progress" but if this is the sort of app you're interested in then you won't mind a bit of experimentation.

You can introduce various operators and formulas Excel-style. There is documentation on the Web if you can locate the right Google Group.

From an aesthetic point of view, the app is just about as barebones as it could possibly be, especially on iOS – at least on Android you can clear the screen. It's all about the functionality and the calculations, and you don't even get a numeric keypad: you have to make do



Left *Ivy* can handle integers, rationals and floating point values



with a normal keyboard. It's also a showcase for Google's Go programming language.

About as basic as you can get – but there's a lot of power under the hood.



● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.0**
bit.ly/ivybignumbercalcios
● **Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v1.0.1**
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TOP 05
apps to...

SPEAK CHINESE



01 I LEARN CHINESE

While this will teach you to read and write Chinese, what sets this app apart is its focus on the concepts behind the Chinese language, including a basic historical overview.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v2.2.6

02 SAYHI TRANSLATE

SayHi is an excellent mobile interpreter. You can either speak into it with your voice or input text. You start with two languages and can freely translate between them.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.1
| £3.99/\$4.99 | v3.9.3

03 LAOKONG TONE TEST

Chinese is a tonal language, so you will need to practise pronunciation and train your ear. This app repeats the word 'ma ma' in different tones so you can learn to identify which is which.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free | v2.1

04 PLECO CHINESE DICTIONARY

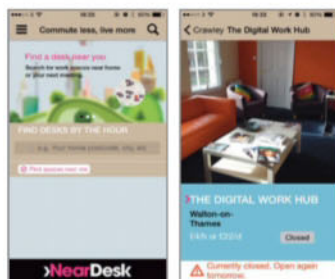
As well as being able to look up by either Chinese or Latin characters, you can scan words and phrases with an optical character recogniser and text reader.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1
| Freemium | v3.2.6
● Android | OS Varies
| Freemium | 3.2.12

05 CHINESE WRITER FOR IPAD

Make the most of your touchscreen and learn to write 25 Chinese characters with this tutorial guide. You can register an account to unlock an extra 1,000 characters, simplified and traditional.

★★★★★
● iPad | iOS 4.2 | Free | v1.0



NEARDESK

Coffee shops are starting to crack down on the habit of using their free Wi-Fi for the price of one cup of coffee, so this app may be the perfect solution if you need to cut down your caffeine intake. It is also ideal if you need to meet colleagues in a hurry and have no appropriate space available. Undertake a quick search, check the rental rates and then make your booking for temporary office space. It really is that simple.

Need a desk and a generous coffee shop is not near to you? Try this service.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.0.1
● Android | OS 4.0.3 | Free | v1.0

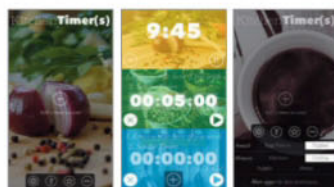


SNAPT

New from Comparethemarket.com, this app can read the barcode that is printed on your paper fuel bill and then compare your usage to find you the cheapest energy provider to suit your needs. It's a clever idea and it does work, but we could not find the barcode on electronically delivered bills and the process of inputting it manually is not exactly a time consuming task. However, it's still worth a look as it could save you money.

It saves you time when comparing fuel providers, but doesn't do much else.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v2.0.1
● Android | OS 4.0 | Free | v1.8.8

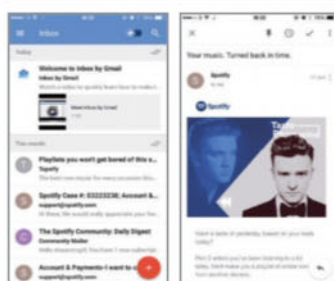


KITCHEN TIMER

When cooking a complex meal, you will often need to consider multiple ingredients at once and cooking them to perfection can be very tricky to achieve. With this app, however, you can time anything and everything you need to concurrently and then concentrate on the actual task of cooking. We love the simplistic presentation of *Kitchen Timer* and the easy way it all works, and would recommend it highly to anyone who does a lot of cooking. A simple and cleverly created app solution which works on every single level.

Multiple timers presented in a near perfect way. It's time to start cooking.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 8.0
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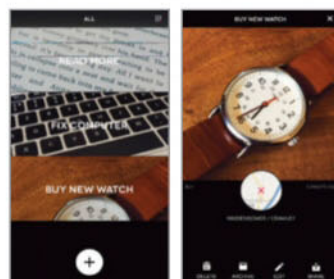


INBOX BY GMAIL

Breaking the habit of managing email the traditional way is not easy, but Google is trying to help you with its *Inbox* app. *Inbox* offers you highlights, reminders and many other innovative features to help calm a busy email inbox, but it also feels very different to other tools used to deal with messages in the past. Snooze is great for when you're too busy to respond on the go. Persevere and you may well have found a new email tool.

If you want to try a new approach to email, give this original app a try.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free | v1.3.4
● Android | OS 4.1 | Free | 1.11

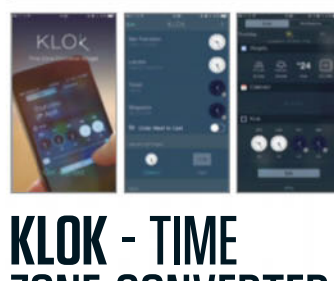


NINE

We applaud the original approach this app takes to managing important tasks and for some the visual way it works may help them to complete what they need to do more efficiently. You have to take a photo, add a description and it will then be displayed in a list alongside your other items to be completed. The only problem is that it takes longer to add each entry and for many a normal text-based task manager may be just as effective.

An original and visual task management app, though it is a little slow to use.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.0



KLOK - TIME ZONE CONVERTER

The widget functionality in the iOS operating system has arguably not been taken advantage of as it could have been so far, but here we have an app which will greatly help those who need timezone information in a hurry. Not only does it present multiple zones in a handsome and familiar way, but one tap will offer an immediate conversion so that you can continue working as you need to. *Klok* is not an app for everyone, but it does offer users a useful and quick functionality.

A time-saving widget which will benefit those who have a genuine need for it.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 8.0 | Free | v1.1

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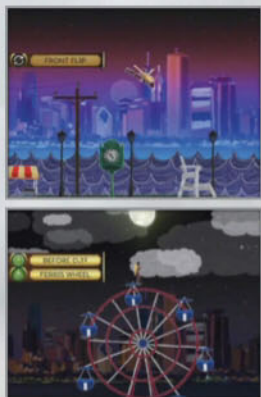
GRAB A JETPACK AND TAKE TO THE SKIES IN THESE GREAT GAMES

PILOTEER



Playing *Piloteer* is akin to being punched in the face while watching your favourite stand-up comic: hilarious and painful in equal measure. The more you play Fixpoint's physics-based jetpack trickster, the more you'll struggle to understand why you keep coming back for more. It doesn't make sense, but the best things in life rarely do. Just give it a go and you'll see. Frustrating, funny, downright brilliant. *Piloteer* is everything you never knew you needed.

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 5.1
| £2.29/\$2.99



WORMS 3



The true sequel to *Worms 2: Armageddon*, *Worms 3* is as absurd and as brilliant as you'd expect and hope. Designed and developed exclusively for iOS, Team 17's threequel gives you a lot of bang for your buck, combining classic weapons and gameplay modes with new customisation enhancements to sate your thirst for some all-out worm warfare. Holy Hand Grenades, Super Sheep, and, of course, the jetpack: gaming at its finest.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1.1
| Freemium



KOSMO



Imagine a vertically inclined *Flappy Bird* featuring a cute astronaut, fluffy clouds and deadly dirigibles, and you'll have some notion as to what the hell is going on in Cherrypick Games' self-styled 'endless hopper', *Kosmo*. Built around the same easy to learn but hard to master gameplay as *Flappy Bird*, *Kosmo* is a solid effort that has plenty of style, if not much substance to talk of. It's free, it's fun, and it's easy on the eye. What more do you want from a game?

★★★★★
● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | Free



DOODLE JUMP RACE



Another entry that mimics *Flappy Bird*'s effective formula, *Doodle Jump Race* sees developer Lima Sky strap jetpacks on four courageous Doodlers, creating a surprisingly gripping multiplayer title that challenges players to race through the deadly canyons of Doodlandia for honour, glory, and bragging rights. The only thing spoiling the party are some pesky pop-up ads. A tip-top multiplayer, *Doodle Jump Race* gives our green friend a new lease of life.

★★★★★
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | Free

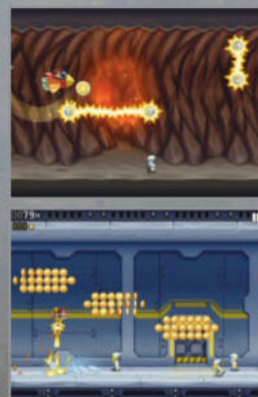


JETPACK JOYRIDE



It's got more Game of the Year awards than you can shake a stick at, a premise as ridiculous as its name suggests, and gameplay so addictive, it was actually banned in 25 countries. Okay, that last part might be a lie, but the preposterously compelling *Jetpack Joyride* has only gotten better with age. You can't teach an old dog new tricks, but sometimes, you don't have too.

★★★★★
GROUP TEST WINNER
● iPad+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium
● Android | Varies
| Freemium



LEGO MINIFIGURES ONLINE

YOU WON'T BE BLOCKING ANYONE IN THIS MASSIVE MULTIPLAYER GAME

PROS/CONS

- ▲ The LEGO aesthetic will never get old
- ▲ A nice, easy-going MMO suitable for all
- ▼ Lacks the social elements you'd expect from a true MMO
- ▼ Some pretty severe (but rare) bugs and crashes



The usual LEGO game remit of destruction, reconstruction and pugilism fits the MMO template very well, it turns out – when you've got a property with as much variation as the LEGO franchise, you've got all the makings of a great MMO already programmed into your DNA. The iOS port of the game takes that accessible, understandable formula and repurposes it for tablets... and you know what? It works.

Despite some performance bugs here and there (the game can't handle more than three non-AI players without crashing), *LEGO Minifigures Online* operates well: because it's primarily aimed at kids, you can't communicate with other players freely – rather, you've got to rely on emojis and vague gestures. This limits how tactical you can be, sadly, but we understand why the restrictions are in place.

The gameplay itself is fairly satisfying – the initial purchase unlocks the 'Pirate' world for you to play in, and IAPs offer four more complete worlds, too. There is a difficulty curve so gentle you won't even recognise it's

there, and the way the game coerces you into collecting more Minifigures to add to your roster reminds us of how *Pokemon* drew us in with its compulsive collection suites.

The game has an auto-targeting mechanism that, whilst a little twitchy, will make playing on auto-pilot a breeze: perfect for younger players or parents that want to watch over their kids as they dive into the game themselves. That LEGO aesthetic resounds – the art style and presentation nicely disguising how little effort the game takes to run on iOS. Anyone that's had any experience whatsoever with the likes of *World Of Warcraft* or any other MMO will instantly feel at home here, and if not, it's a perfect way of getting kids into that kind of game without all the associated issues.

A well-presented MMO that we'd feel comfortable letting our kids play. Fun, easy to use and good value for money, despite some bugs.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99 | v1.0.4
bit.ly/legominifigonlineios

“There is a difficulty curve so gentle you won't even recognise it's there”

Below The quests keep you playing long after you've explored the world



Above The IAP infrastructure will frustrate some: the best levels hide behind a paywall

ALTERNATIVELY

Explore the vast worlds of these mobile MMOs

01 WORLD OF TANKS BLITZ



With a plethora of things to do (mostly involving blowing things up), a fair free-to-play system and tanks, *World Of Tanks Blitz* is a great action-MMO.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v1.011

02 ULTIMA FOREVER



Another free MMO, another accessible game with performance issues. It seems to be a trend, right? The complex morality system makes *Ultima Forever* stand out a bit, though.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.0
| Freemium | v1.0

03 ORDER & CHAOS ONLINE



A game that doesn't hide its *World Of Warcraft* inspirations, *Order & Chaos* is the go-to for all hardcore MMO-ers.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v2.10.0
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v2.10.1

04 VENDETTA ONLINE



If you prefer your raids and guilds in space rather than in some fantasy world, then *Vendetta* will be more to your tastes: it's a 3D space MMORPG with thousands of players.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 6.0
| £0.79/\$0.99 |
v1.8.262

05 GROWTOPIA



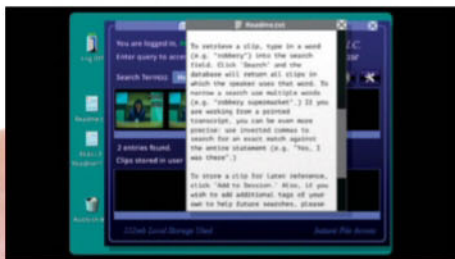
A game that's more about cultivating than it is destroying, *Growtopia* is a 2D MMO reminiscent of *Terraria*. You do have to protect your items, though.

★★★★★

● iPad+ | iOS 5.1.1
| Freemium | v1.92
● Android | OS 2.3.3
| Freemium | v1.94

HER STORY

SEARCHING FOR VIDEOS HAS NEVER BEEN MORE ARRESTING



You may have heard of a podcast called *Serial* which redefined the way crime dramas could be played out in audio. *Her Story* is so off-beat and unique that it could well be doing the same for detective games and adventure games. It may not look like much at first glance – you simply see the desktop of a computer running a police database – but curiosity and the right search keywords helps the narrative unravel.

The story surrounds Hannah Smith, whose husband has been found dead and whose police video interviews

can be viewed on the system. All of the words spoken by Hannah are searchable so you need to listen out for potential clues and use them to delve deeper. You'll pore over the details from the nuances in the actress' voice and demeanor to the times of the interviews and you will likely jot stuff down, just as gamers used to do with a retro adventure. Since each clip is short, you find the pace picking up as your mind races to the next search word you wish to try.

It's a masterclass in storytelling that has no real logical order nor ending and it is determined purely by the way you search. It's like a jigsaw only with hunches that you want to see proved right and a woman who sends your emotions up and down. Amazing.



Her Story is a captivating and realistic detective game which lets you set your own pace.



● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
£3.99/\$4.99 | v1.1
bit.ly/herstoryios

Left All of the "action" takes place via the front end of a police database called L.O.G.I.C.

HEROKI

WITH STARK ECHOES OF MARIO, THIS GAME CERTAINLY FLIES



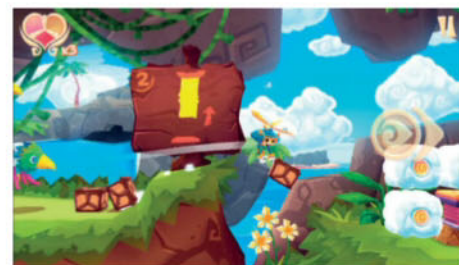
The power of mobile technology is so good that seeing a console quality game running on a phone or tablet shouldn't amaze us. But *Heroki* does just that: its fantastic Japanese-style visuals and slick presentation more than matching anything on a Nintendo machine.

The concept of the game is simple: you make use of the propellers above the head of the cute main character Heroki to steer him through the air, collecting objects, grabbing throwable boxes and defeating enemies as you go. The game asks you to discover hidden objects and push buttons that will open doors

"The game asks you to discover hidden objects and push buttons that will open doors in order to reach the end"



Above You must fly around the environment using one of the three built-in control methods



Above By picking up boxes, you have a handy weapon and a projectile all-in-one

in order to reach the end of the levels. It also requires the solving of some fiendish puzzles, many of which rely on the new skills you pick up or environmental factors such as wind.

It proves to be great fun, initially at least. You certainly can't help but be spurred on by the jaunty music and the fast-paced action but that's not to say it isn't without its faults. Although you can choose your preferred control method, we found our podgy fingers got in the way of the action. We felt that the levels became tiresome, with a lack of variety. But for all of that, it is ambitious and it pushes the boundaries of mobile gaming. For that it must be applauded.

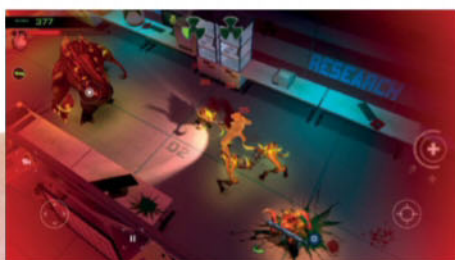
Impeccable level design and a character to take to your hearts, *Heroki* proves to be an absolute delight.



● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0 | £5.99/\$7.99 | v1.0.1
bit.ly/herokiios

XENOWERK

GRAB YOUR WEAPONS, SWITCH OFF YOUR BRAIN AND FIRE AWAY



If there is something a mobile shoot-em-up needs other than lots of things to blast at and an environment offering enough nooks and crannies to deliver surprise after surprise, it's fluid control. *Xenowerk* certainly has this. With a finger on the left hand directional control and the other hovering over the multidirectional fire button, getting around this game's 50 tight levels and delivering death to the fungus-like mutants is effortless.

That means players can concentrate on the most important part, the gameplay. It has a

touch of *Alien Breed* about it, for those who recall the Amiga classic, with a near-top down perspective and lots of monsters and goo to deal with. The game is very much a leave-your-brain-at-home affair where even death matters little thanks to the respawn option. Indeed, you just spend your time on simple objectives such as activating things and dishing out death.

But that matters little when it is so enjoyable. In ratcheting up high scores and collecting lots of coins in order to power-up, you become completely absorbed and it helps that the graphics and sound are top notch. *Xenowerk* never gets bogged down with cut scenes or a need to explain everything and it's all the more refreshing for it.

Not much of a challenge. It's too brainless for that. Top fun.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 6.1 | £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.2.4**
bit.ly/xenowerkios
 ● **Android | OS 4.3 | £1.42/\$1.99 | v1.3.4**
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Left Get up close and blast away with intuitive controls



DIVIDE BY SHEEP

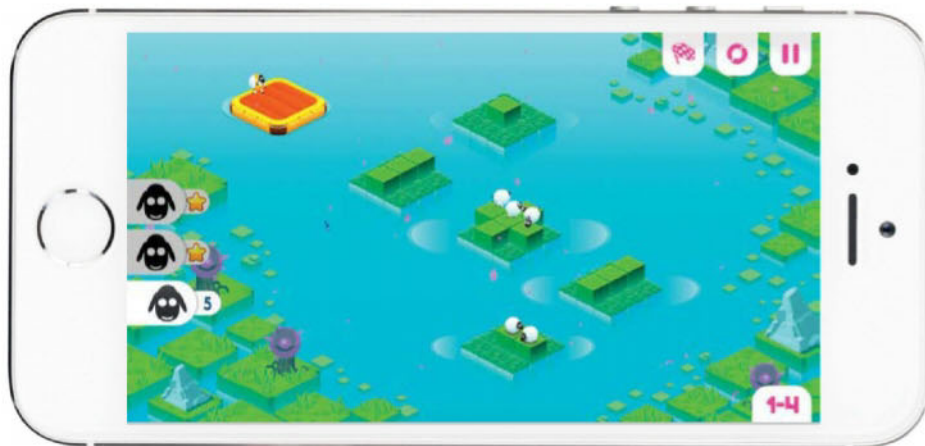
WILL COUNTING THESE SHEEP SEND YOU TO SLEEP?



Just when you thought you'd seen it all, along comes another ingenious puzzler. It may appear to be familiar fare but beneath *Divide by Sheep's* glossy and cartoony graphics lies something altogether more morbid and dark and it is nothing short of excellent.

The game takes place on water with sheep sitting on top of a set of blocky islands. You must rescue them in set numbers by allowing them to leap from one island to another until they reach a raft that takes them to safety. The only issue is the islands have their own capacities and you must work out whether you

"At first, it seems too easy, but then the game starts throwing curve balls by adding new animals and traps"



Above Hurtle the sheep from one island to another in order to get them to the safety of the raft



Above Negotiate the barriers ahead of you

need to sacrifice some of the little lambs by drowning them in order to reach the criteria set down to the left of the screen.

At first, it seems too easy but then the game starts to throw some curve balls by adding new animals and some clever traps that make you think strategically. By firing sheep at lasers, for instance, you can slash them in half and piece them back together later. It is glorious fun.

As the play continues, it's hard to tear yourself away. Even when you've restarted a level umpteen times, you feel determined to crack it. For this game is as addictive as they come and you'd be baa-rking mad not to try it.



It's a mathematical puzzler that introduces a host of clever twists. An instant classic.

★★★★★

● **iPhone+ | iOS 8.3 | £2.29/\$2.99 | v1.0**
bit.ly/dividebysheepios
 ● **Android | OS 2.2 | £2.30/\$2.99 | v1.1**
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01 IMPOSSIBLE ROAD

Despite having a zen-like minimalist look, this game where you guide a ball along a rollercoaster-like track will soon have you fired up. It's addictive and frustratingly fun.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 5.1
| Freemium | v1.2.8
● Android | OS 4.0
| Freemium | v1.2.4

02 SMASH HIT

Smash glass panels by blasting them with cannon balls might sound easy, but it actually requires concentration and timing as you move through a maze and the obstacles move around you.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.3.4
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.3.4

03 MR JUMP

Like a modern take on *Canabalt*, you have to tap the screen at just the right time to help Mr Jump leap crevasses, but also know when to let him fall and the momentum carry him to safety.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| Freemium | v2.0.1

04 RETRY

Very similar to *Flappy Bird*, but from the makers of *Angry Birds*, you have to guide a 16-bit biplane through treacherous mazes dodging obstacles by performing hair-raising stunts.

★★★★★

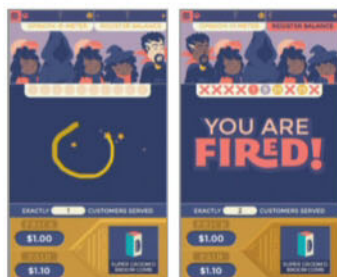
● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| Freemium | v1.5.0
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.5.0

05 HYPER SQUARES

Race against time place all squares into their respective targets. Last long enough to compete on global leaderboards

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 4.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v2.1.6



CHANGE WIZARD



Describing *Change Wizard* is very difficult and for a good reason. You work behind a

register and have to make change for the shoppers by using magic. It sounds completely bizarre because it is, but the end result is an experience which feels refreshing and which will have you thinking much harder than the simple graphics allude to. From the moment you start playing this game, we are certain that you will come back time and time again.



A unique challenging game to make you try harder every go.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.0
| £1.49/\$1.99 | v1.0



RIFF THE ROBOT



The graphics make this game look like a fast-paced arcade shooter, but it actually

has some relaxing qualities which will ease the stress. You have to be precise when shooting and understand how to hit the right power ups, but once you get the knack you will have a lot of fun. There are many levels included for free and it feels professional throughout on every single level.

Bubble shooting with a colourful twist. This game is worthy of your attention.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1
| Freemium | v1.7
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.2

ALPHABEAR:
WORD PUZZLE

Alphabear is a cute app and at first glance looks like a children's game, but

the gameplay is more suited to adults who enjoy playing word-based puzzlers. As expected, you get more points for longer words and it is good fun, but you are tempted to spend money on in-app purchases quite early on and this increases in severity quite quickly. It's good, but could be less focused on the in-app purchases.

A decent word game, but one that is quite keen on in-app purchases early on.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.1
| Freemium | v01.01.01
● Android | OS 4.0
| Freemium | v01.02.00



8-BIT WATERSLIDE



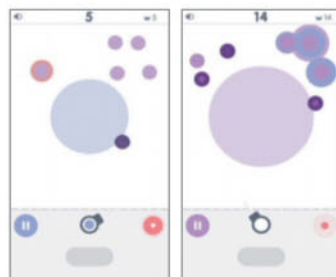
The premise of *8-Bit Waterslide* is not original in that you have to jump over

obstacles and slide under others, but there is more than enough to keep you coming back. The graphics and sounds are extremely friendly and the pace of the game will keep you hooked from first play. You will have to work hard to succeed and later on it actually gets quite complex, but in a frantic way that really does work.

A fast and furious arcade game with friendly graphics and really great sounds.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 7.0
| £0.79/\$0.99 | v1.04



HUE BALL



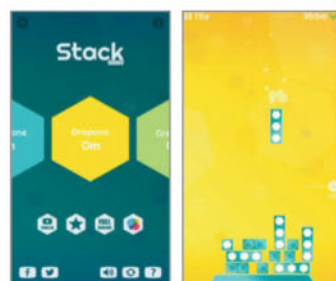
Hue Ball takes basic ideas from many other arcade games to present what is

ultimately an original experience. You have to shoot the bubbles at the ones in the main playing field to succeed and as time progresses, it does get quite hard. The only potential problem is that it can get boring due to a lack of variety so it's not a guaranteed hit for everyone who picks it up.

A relaxing game which you will either love or get bored with very quickly.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 6.1
| Freemium | v1
● Android | OS 2.3
| Freemium | v1.2



STACK HEROES



Stack Heroes offers everything you could want in a game provided you

like a real challenge. You have to adjust where the blocks fall using simple controls and then work out the best way to keep them stood up in the most secure way possible. The achievements add even more challenges and as the speed and height increase, you will find yourself frantically battling multiple challenges at the same time. Very impressive gaming.

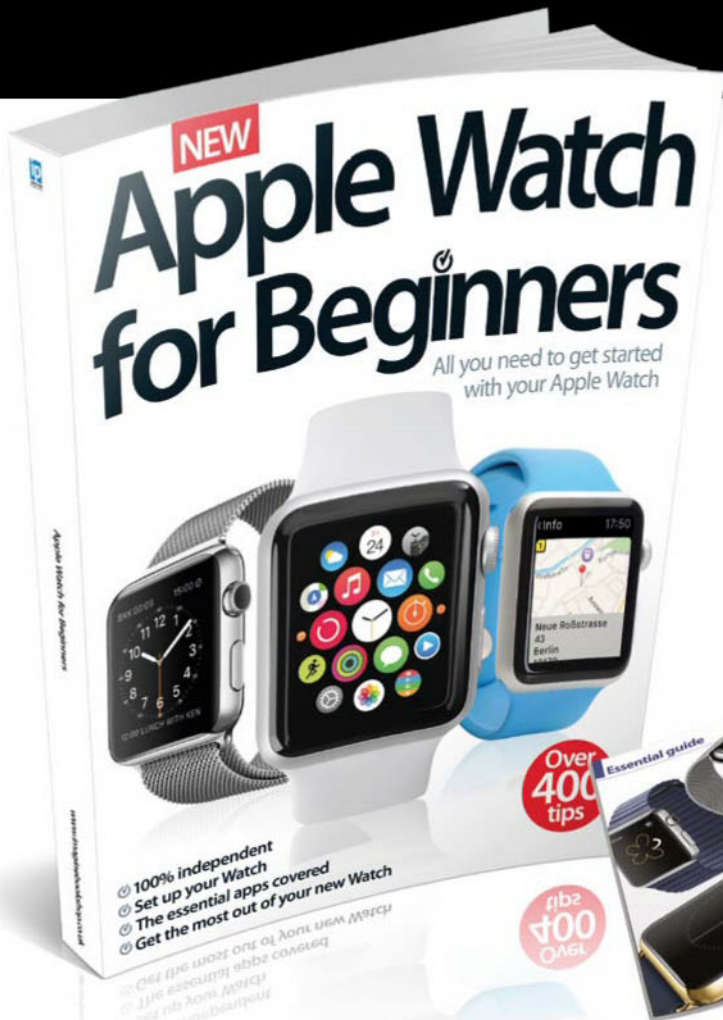


Tetris and realistic gravity. That's what *Stack Heroes* is.

★★★★★

● iPhone+ | iOS 8.1
| Freemium | v1.2.1

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DISCOVER APPLE MUSIC'S BEST SIRI COMMANDS

» Put your iPhone's digital personal assistant to good use in Apple's new music streaming service

It's been hard to ignore *Apple Music* since its worldwide release at the end of June as part of the iOS 8.4 rollout. Public kiss-and-make-up arguments with Taylor Swift over whether her back catalogue would appear on the new music streaming service and widespread celebrity support and backing, mean everyone was desperate to try it out. And we've been mightily impressed so far. Yes, it helps that everyone has a free, fully-featured three-month trial to enjoy before you start any subscription, but *Apple Music* is packed with many great features.

Among its plethora of features, which include playlist creation, a worldwide radio station that runs 24/7, the ability to connect with your favourite artists and listen to tracks offline, is the ability to use Siri to control *Apple Music*. You can ask Siri to help with virtually anything - Apple has added some real power and, dare we say it, usefulness, to its much-maligned digital assistant. Siri will now understand commands like "Play the top songs from 1982" or "Add the new Mumford and Sons album to My Music". It can even play the role of *Shazam* and tell you what you're listening to. When you're out and about or just feeling plain lazy, these types of commands are going to be very handy indeed.

In this tutorial, we'll be taking you through six of our favourite Siri commands, showing you how to use *Apple Music* more dynamically than you can with just your finger. All that's left to do is hold down your iPhone's Home button for two seconds and activate your digital assistant and get started.

» INSIDE YOUR NEW APPLE MUSIC SERVICE

> What do the tabs at the bottom of the app mean?

For You

The more you use *Apple Music* the more the app learns your taste in tunes. Find curated playlists based on your taste right here.

New

You get access to over 30 million tracks in *Apple Music* and more are added every week. Head here to see the most popular, trending releases.

Connect

This is Apple's new music social network that enables you to follow your favourite artists, like and comment on their posts.

My Music

Every time you tap Add to My Music, it ends up here. My Music is split into your Library and Playlists and there's a Recently Added section too.

About the app...

APPLE MUSIC

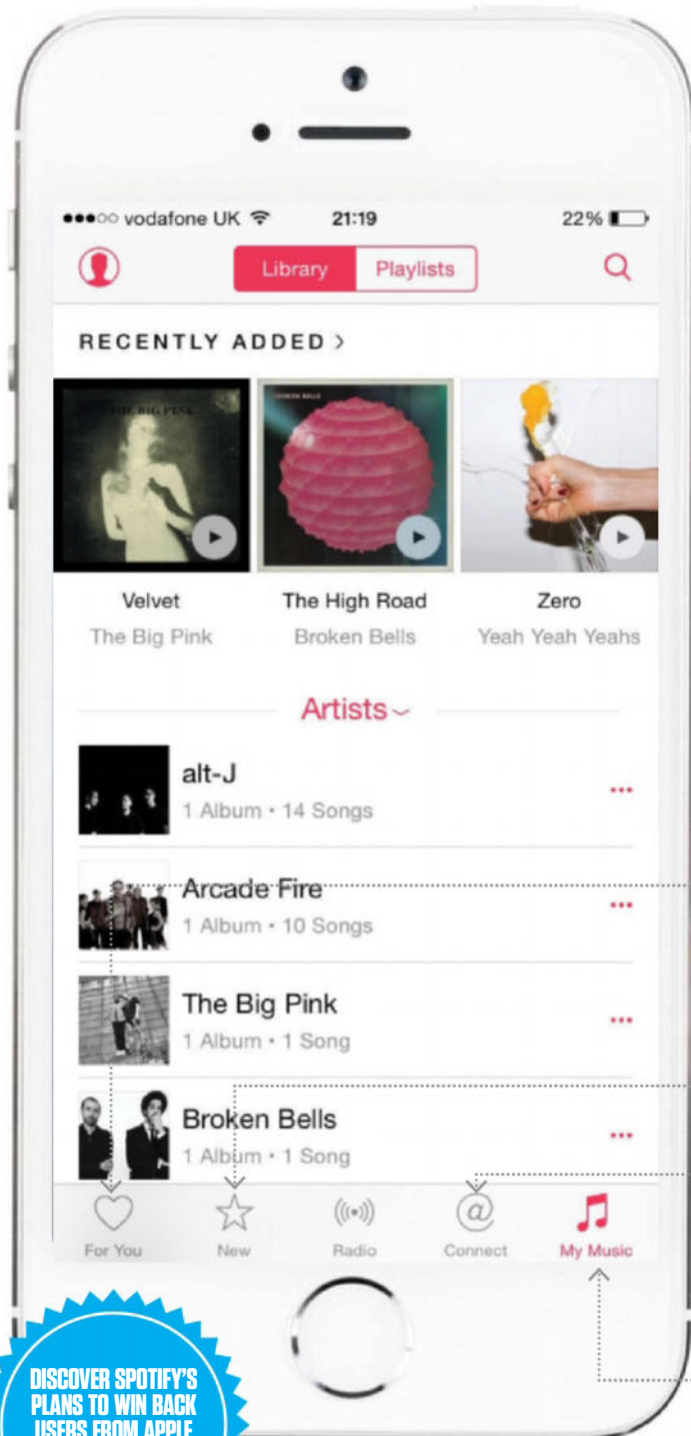
Stream the entire iTunes library on any Apple device and create your own playlists

• iPhone+ | iOS 8.4 | Free | v1.0

Giving you access to over 30 million tracks from Apple's iTunes library, *Apple Music* is the tech giant's first foray into the world of music streaming. From the app you can create your own custom playlists, get personal recommendations with the For You tab, listen to Beats 1 radio 24/7, download and listen to music offline, discover new music and so much more. It's a great alternative to *Spotify*, *Tidal* and *Google Play Music*. Support for Android devices is coming soon too, so it's not a service that's limited to just iDevice users.

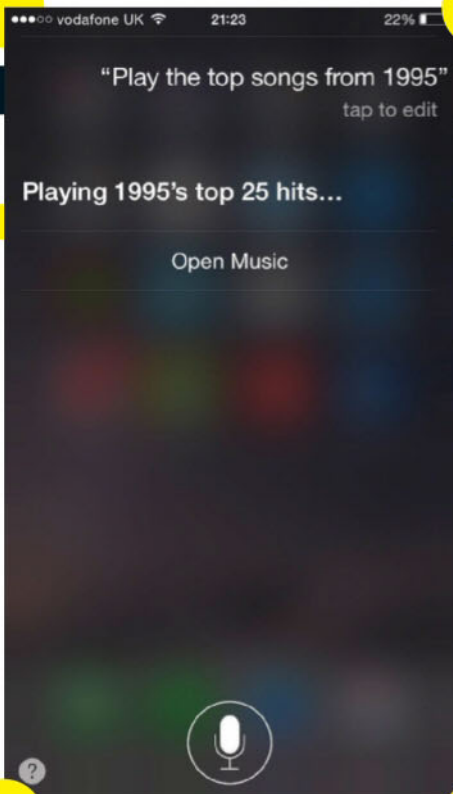
Apple's new music streaming service is good enough to take on the established big boys.

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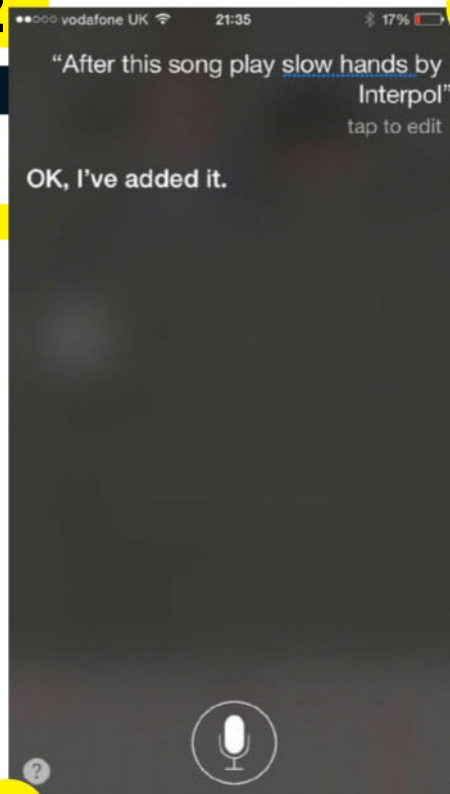


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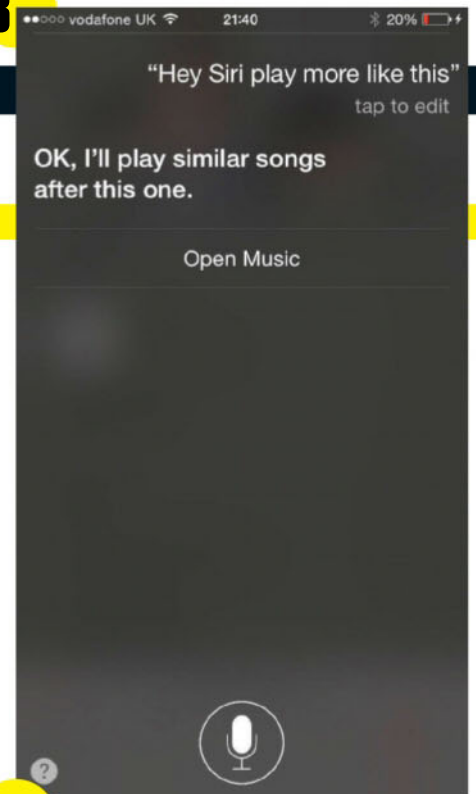
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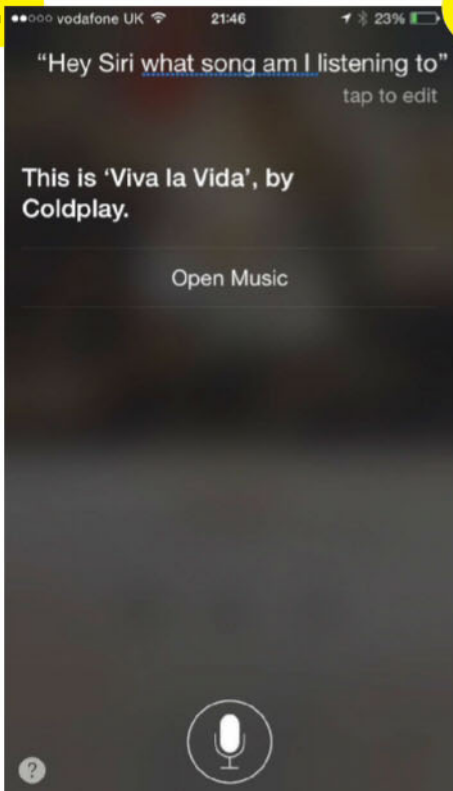
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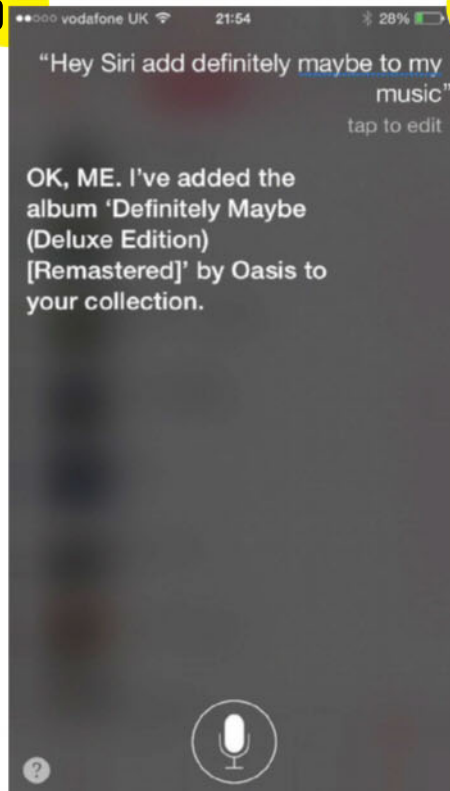
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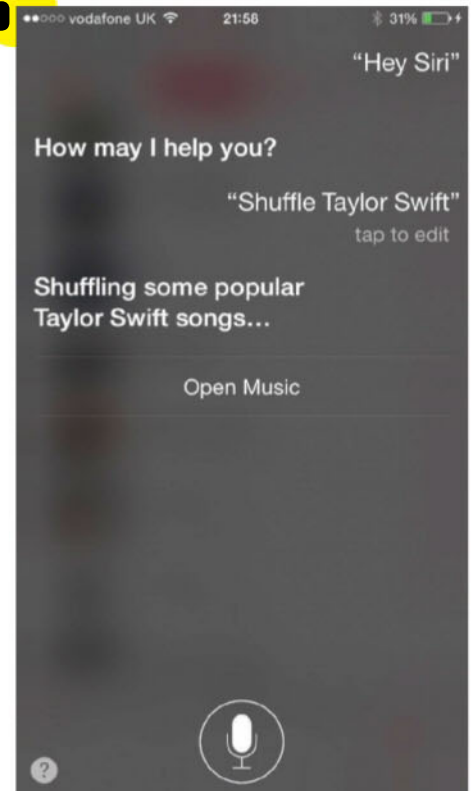
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» APPLE MUSIC > The best Siri commands

1 ONLY THE BEST

You can ask Siri to play the most popular songs from any year. Just say "Play the top songs from 1995" and Siri will queue up the 25 highest ranking songs to your Up Next list.

4 SHAZAM

Not sure what track you're listening too and don't want to touch your phone to find out? Simply ask Siri "What am I listening to?" and it will respond out loud immediately.

2 UP NEXT

Siri can also help you add individual tracks to your Up Next queue. Ask Siri "After this song play Slow Hands by Interpol" and it will automatically play it next. Impressive, right?

5 ADD TO MY MUSIC

If there's an album that you want adding to the My Music section, just load up Siri and say "Add Definitely Maybe to My Music". By the time you press the Home button it's done.

3 MORE PLEASE

If you're liking the song you're currently listening to, ask Siri to "Play more like this". Siri will get back to you and queue up 50 songs that it thinks you'll like based on your history.

6 SHUFFLE

Listening to a track from an artist and want to hear some more? All you need to do is tell Siri to "Shuffle Taylor Swift" and you'll get a selection of her tracks ready to enjoy.

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This app instantly translates the spoken word into text. Send yourself notes and reminders.

● **iOS 4.0** | **Free**
● **OS 2.2** | **Free**

EDUCATION

iPad THE ELEMENTS: A VISUAL EXPLORATION



View rotatable 3D images of every element in the periodic table.

● **iOS 7.0** | **£10.49/\$13.99**

iPhone/iPad/Android STAR WALK



This AR app helps you explore the stars, planets and constellations in the night sky.

● **iOS 6.0** | **£2.29/\$2.99**
● **OS 4.0** | **£1.79/\$2.99**

iPhone/iPad KHAN ACADEMY



A library of over 3,000 videos enables users to learn pretty much anything they want, no matter their interests.

● **iOS 7.0** | **Free**

iPhone/iPad iTUNES U



One of the most powerful educational tools around, with full university courses available direct on your device.

● **iOS 7.0** | **Free**

iPhone/iPad/Android TED



Regular programming with remarkable speakers and lectures for free via this learning app.

● **iOS 8.0** | **Free**
● **OS 4.0** | **Free**

iPad DK THE HUMAN BODY APP



Takes you on a journey deep into the human body, with video content and annotated graphics. A fine iPad app.

● **iOS 4.0** | **£4.99/\$6.99**

iPhone/iPad/Android HENRI LE WORM



Top chef Raymond Blanc and actor Simon Pegg teach children about cooking.

● **iOS 6.0** | **£1.49/\$1.99**
● **OS 4.0** | **£1.29/\$2.12**

iPad NHM EVOLUTION



Explore 600 million years of evolution with a fossil timeline and multimedia treatments that explain the science.

● **iOS 4.3** | **£10.49/\$13.99**

iPhone/iPad/Android DUOLINGO



Learn a new language for free, from grammar basics to translating entire websites.

● **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Varies** | **Free**

iPhone/iPad NASA VISUALIZATION EXPLORER



Everything NASA in one place, including news on missions and stunning imagery.

● **iOS 5.1** | **Free**

ENTERTAINMENT

iPhone/iPad/Android NETFLIX



Cross-device viewing thanks to the cloud. An absolute must for subscribers to the service.

● **iOS 7.0** | **Free**
● **Varies** | **Free**

iPhone/iPad/Android PLEX



Stream music and video from your desktop, and enjoy content from *Plex's* channels.

● **iOS 5.1.1** | **£3.99/\$4.99**
● **OS 3.2** | **Freemium**

iPad PROCREATE



Paints, inks and abstract shapes are all readily available, so you can achieve just the effect you're looking for.

● **iOS 8.1** | **£4.49/\$5.99**

iPhone/iPad SNEAK



In this game you literally have to sneak up on your phone from a distance to capture photos of the shy monsters.

● **iOS 5.0** | **£1.49/\$1.99**

iPhone/Android iPLAYER RADIO



So much more than an extension of the iPlayer catch-up service, with a great interface.

● **iOS 6.1** | **Free**
● **OS 4.0** | **Free**

iPhone/iPad REMOTE



This handy app lets you connect to iTunes wirelessly and play music and movies that are on your Mac or PC.

● **iOS 7.0** | **Free**

iPhone/iPad HAUNTING MELISSA



A horror movie for the mobile era, the producer of *The Ring* directs this experimental but highly gripping ghost story.

● **iOS 7.1** | **Freemium**

iPhone/iPad ACTION MOVIE FX



Give your home videos some truly epic Hollywood effects with this brilliant free app for your iOS device.

● **iOS 5.0** | **Freemium**

iPhone/iPad/Android VLC STREAMER



The streaming service lets you share media from your desktop to your device.

● **iOS 6.0** | **£1.49/\$1.99**
● **OS 4.0** | **£1.35/\$1.99**

iPhone/iPad MORFO 3D FACE BOOTH




Make talking 3D masks of absolutely anyone with this clever, customisable app. Then share the results via email.

● **iOS 4.3** | **£0.79/\$0.99**


FINANCE

iPhone/ iPad
POCKETMONEY

 The price you pay for this app is fully justified, thanks to its superior functionality and the useful tips it divulges.


● OS 1.6 | £3.10/\$4.99

iPhone/ Android
PAYPAL

 Check your current balance, view your account and send money via 16 currencies.

● iOS 7.1 | Free
● OS 24.0 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MONEYWIZ

 One of the best finance managers around, with easy-to-use functions.


● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.55/\$1.99

iPhone/ Android
BLOOMBERG BUSINESS

 Bloomberg is a must for city traders and anyone who is interested in the stock market.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.2 | Free

iPhone/ iPad
DEBT MANAGER

 Offers a clean, simple interface so you can visualise your debt, organise your incomings and outgoings, and pay it off.


● iOS 4.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

iPhone/ iPad
ISPREADSHEET

 Compatible with Excel, Google Docs and Open Office – manage all of your finances on the go with this app.


● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

iPad/ Android
BILLS

 Track your incomings and outgoings by filtering paid, planned and overdue payments.


● iOS 5.0 | £0.79/\$0.99
● OS 1.6 | £1.33/\$1.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
SPENDING TRACKER

 Monitor your spending and save money thanks to the charts, graphs and stats in this app.


● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/ Android
BARCLAYS PINGIT

 Send money between accounts, using just a mobile number, from your device.

● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad
MORTGAGE MENTOR

 Compare mortgages side-by-side, work out what the true price would be and manage all of your payments.

● iOS 4.0 | £1.49/\$1.99


FOOD & DRINK

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
JAMIE'S 20 MINUTE MEALS

 Step-by-step photo recipes, plus extra kitchen tips such as how to sharpen knives.


● iOS 3.1.2 | £4.99/\$6.99
● OS 2.3.0 | £1.99/\$7.69

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
OPENTABLE UK

 Find and book a restaurant table in a few taps, whether last minute or planned.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

iPhone
OTTOLENGHI

 An absolute must for all foodies, this app features mouth-watering full-screen photos and some clever features.

● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad
HOW TO COOK EVERYTHING ESSENTIALS

 The app that's perfect for any level of experience, from oven wizards to toast burners.


● iOS 6.1 | Freemium

iPhone/ iPad
THE PHOTO COOKBOOK – QUICK & EASY

 With images of every ingredient and steps to each recipe, it couldn't be easier to follow.


● iOS 5.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

iPhone/ Android
FOODSPOTTING

 An essential destination for when you want something different and great to eat.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
PAPRIKA RECIPE MANAGER

 File away your favourite web recipes in this dedicated cooking database.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 4.0 | £3.17/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad
GREEN KITCHEN – HEALTHY VEGETARIAN RECIPES

 A stylish interface and inspiring recipes prove healthy eating doesn't need to be bland.

● iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
EPICURIOUS RECIPES & SHOPPING LIST

 An essential app for culinary masters and budding chefs alike.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3 | Free


iPad
COOK

 Create your own recipe book, complete with customisable colours and fonts, then share it with your friends online.

● iOS 7.0 | Free


GAMES

iPhone/iPad/ Android
HEARTHSTONE

 Cast spells in this online card game from the makers of *World Of Warcraft*.

● iOS 5.1 | Freemium
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
ASPHALT 8: AIRBORNE

 Perform high-octane aerial stunts to get the edge on other racers in this arcade game.


● iOS 6.1.6 | Freemium
● OS 4.0 | Freemium

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MONUMENT VALLEY

 Guide your character through a mind-bending world of impossible architecture.


● iOS 6.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £2.49/\$3.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
ANOMALY 2

 Protect your convoy of troops and attack alien invaders in this top-down strategy game.


● iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 2.3 | £3.39/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
HITMAN GO

 Eliminate your enemies as Agent 47 in this puzzle gem from the creators of *Hitman*.

● iOS 6.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
BOSON X

 A mix of fast-paced fun and subatomic style makes this endless runner very addictive.


● iOS 4.3 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.92/\$2.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
GRAND THEFT AUTO: SAN ANDREAS

 Control the criminal underworld in this epic mobile version.


● iOS 6.0 | £4.99/\$6.99
● OS 3.0 | £4.99/\$6.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
FM HANDHELD 2015

 Master tactics to climb up the leagues and sign players to make the best team.


● iOS 5.0 | £7.99/\$8.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £6.99/\$9.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MINECRAFT – POCKET EDITION

 Create your own personal *Minecraft* world, block by block.

● iOS 5.1.1 | £4.99/\$6.99
● Varies | £4.99/\$6.99


iPhone/ iPad/ Android
REPUBLICHE

 Escape from a prison in this stealth-action adventure. Solve puzzles to earn your freedom.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 4.0 | £3.21/\$4.99

HEALTH

iPhone/ Android
ENDOMONDO

 *Endomondo* is the most social fitness experience around and covers a wide range of sports.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/ Android
ZOMBIES, RUN!

 Run to stay alive in a world infested with zombies in this immersive AR workout.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 4.0 | £2.99/\$3.99

iPhone/ iPad
CARDIOGRAPH

 Simply hold your thumb over your device's camera lens to monitor and track your heart rate.


● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
CALORIE COUNTER

 Your ultimate calorie guide with a massive database as well as exercises and social links.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/ Android
NIKE+ RUNNING

 This app requires a pair of Nike shoes that have an insert for the Nike+ sensor.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
YOU ARE YOUR OWN GYM

 Military-grade workout app that requires no fitness equipment bar your device.


● iOS 5.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$2.99

iPhone/ Android
7 MINUTE WORKOUT CHALLENGE

 A fast-paced work out with exercises, videos and tracker.


● iOS 7.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.3.3 | £1.29/\$1.94

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
MOVES

 *Moves* automatically tracks your everyday exercise to motivate you to do more and set goals.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
RUNTASTIC PUSH-UPS PRO

 Plan your workout in this stylish app and receive motivation from the voice coach.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.99/\$1.99
● Varies | £1.99/\$1.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
HEALTHTAP

 Post your concern and a qualified doctor will respond with a diagnosis fairly swiftly.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free


LIFESTYLE

iPhone/ iPad
SNAPGUIDE

 This community-driven guidebook is a wonderful resource. Browse its many topics and get all sorts of handy tips.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

iPhone/ iPad
DAY ONE JOURNAL

 Record your life with this magazine-like app for your memories, ideas and photos. Share online or keep private.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ Android
START BY TACK

 Minimalist alarm clock and stopwatch that launches set apps when you wake.

● iOS 5.0 | £3.99/\$5.99
● OS 3.0 | £0.65/\$0.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
FANCY

 Searching and sharing items on *Fancy* is all about becoming a curator of cool.


● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
AROUNDME

 This is a handy app to use in an unfamiliar place when you need to find local amenities.


● iOS 5.1.1 | Free
● OS 2.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad
ICONICAL

 Create your own bespoke icons for your apps either by painting a design in-app or by uploading an image.


● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPad
eBAY FOR IPAD

 This app is not only great to keep up with your shopping, but also a wonderful place to browse for bargains.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

iPad
MARTHA STEWART CRAFTSTUDIO

 Create decorative cards in-app with hints and tips provided by Martha herself.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

iPad
WEDDING PLANNER FOR IPAD

 Plan everything, from your big day's budget to the colour scheme and the seating plan with this detailed wedding app.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99


iPhone/ iPad
IA WRITER

 Aspiring novelist? This is the perfect space to express yourself in a clean, distraction-free environment.

● iOS 7.1 | £3.99/\$4.99


MEDICAL

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
VISUAL ANATOMY

 View rotatable 3D images from *Gray's Anatomy* of selected organs or regions of the body.


● iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99
● OS 2.0 | £1.60/\$2.69

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
VISION TEST

 This app tests your vision through a series of exams, and includes an optician finder.


● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.2 | Free

iPad
SKELETON SYSTEM PRO III

 This dissection of the human skeleton goes into incredible detail with plenty of room for adding your own notes.


● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
PREGNANCY+

 Monitor your baby's development week by week and log doctor's appointments.


● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● OS 3.0 | Freemium

iPhone/iPad
SNORELAB

 Worried about how much you snore? Find out how loud you sound with this app, then get tips on how to reduce it.


● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/ iPad
uHEAR

 As hearing loss usually happens over a period of time, *uHear* is a good app for monitoring your hearing.


● iOS 4.3 | Free

iPhone/ iPad/ Android
PROGNOSIS: YOUR DIAGNOSIS

 Uses case studies for better diagnosis in patients by doctors.


● iOS 6.0 | Free
● OS 2.3.3 | Free

iPhone/ Android
BREATHING ZONE

 Reduce stress and see your breathing patterns displayed in colourful graphics.


● iOS 5.1 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 2.2 | £1.99/\$3.99

iPad
HEART PRO III

 Lifelike depictions of the heart and circulatory system that can be rotated 360° to appreciate its complexity.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

iPhone/ iPad
FAMILY ILLNESS AND SHOT TRACKER

 Keep a digital diary of your family's shots, vaccinations, medicines, illnesses and more.

● iOS 3.1.3 | £1.49/\$1.99

THE TOP 200 GREATEST APPS EVER

WHAT'S HOT?

INSTAGRAM

New navigation tools make this photo app easier to explore.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

REDSHIFT ASTRONOMY

Inspired by Pluto photos? Study the cosmos with this detailed star map.

● iOS 4.3 | £7.99/\$9.99

iPLAYER RADIO

You can now save programs from all of BBC's radio stations offline.

● iOS 7.1 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

GOOGLE MAPS

The map app now has improved directions for public transport.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

SNAPSEED

The photo editor now has a full suite of new tools for you to use.

● iOS 8.0 | Free
● OS 4.1 | Free

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Use simple gestures to play piano, organ, guitar and drums. Upload tracks to YouTube, SoundCloud and more.

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iPhone/iPad FIGURE

Make music in minutes with this easy-to-use interface. Export results to iTunes Audio Sharing.

● iOS 7.0 | £0.79/\$0.99

iPad/Android DJAY 2

Take tracks from your library and start mixing them together on this brilliant turntable app.

● iOS 7.0 | £6.99/\$7.99
● OS 4.1 | £2.99/\$4.99

iPad THE ORCHESTRA

Explore three centuries of classical music with this interactive mix of music as well as video content.

● iOS 7.0 | £10.49/\$13.99

iPhone/iPad/Android SPOTIFY MUSIC

Build customised playlists from millions of tracks and share them with the world.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/iPad/Android SOUNDHOUND

Hum a tune or sing a lyric and SoundHound will give you the full name of the song and artist.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/Android SOUNDWAVE

Discover new music with this running feed of what everyone is listening to.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 2.3 | Free

iPhone/Android SHAZAM

An extraordinary app, Shazam can identify songs by listening to them for a few seconds.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

iPhone/iPad/Android TIDAL

Enjoy high definition music streaming and playlists chosen by music industry experts.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.1 | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android iPLAYER RADIO

Listen to BBC radio stations anywhere. It can even allow you to save podcasts offline.

● iOS 7.1 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

NAVIGATION

iPhone/iPad/Android GOOGLE MAPS

Back on iOS and still the undisputed king of the mapping world. This app is all you need.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/Android PLANE FINDER

View near real-time air traffic maps that let you track the paths of aircraft above you.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 2.2 | £2.99/\$2.99

iPhone/Android GEOCACHING

Join the world's biggest treasure hunt by becoming a Geocacher. It's great fun.

● iOS 7.0 | £7.99/\$9.99
● Varies | £6.99/\$9.99

iPhone HOPSTOP TRANSIT DIRECTIONS

Get real-time subway, bus, train, taxi, walking and biking directions in an instant.

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iPhone MAPS 3D PRO - GPS TRACKS FOR BIKE, HIKE, SKI & OUTDOOR

Ideal for the mountains: view 3D maps and plan your route.

● iOS 7.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/iPad/Android WAZE SOCIAL GPS, MAPS & TRAFFIC

Get instant travel updates from other users on the road.

● iOS 6.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad SPYGLASS

Augmented reality navigator and compass that lets you track your location and work out bearings in real-time.

● iOS 6.1 | £2.99/\$3.99

iPhone/iPad HILL LISTS

Provides geographical details for highland, hilltop and mountain walks across the UK and Republic of Ireland.

● iOS 6.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone KAMINO

Explore your city with these user-generated walking tours with turn-by-turn directions or share your own with others.

● iOS 7.0 | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android VIEWRANGER OUTDOOR GPS & MAPS

Get off the beaten track with this map app, ideal for planning hikes.

● iOS 5.1 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

NEWS

iPhone/iPad/Android FLIPBOARD

It's not only one of the best news apps around, it's also great fun to use on your device.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android BBC NEWS

This app lets you watch live news feeds over Wi-Fi, so you can always stay informed.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android POCKET CASTS

Stay up-to-date with all the latest podcasts with one easy-to-use cross-platform download.

● iOS 8.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 4.1 | £2.49/\$3.99

iPhone/iPad/Android POCKET

Pocket lets you save any article, image or video you find online for you to view it later.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
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iPhone/iPad DOWNCAST

Download and listen to your favourite podcasts directly from your iPhone or iPad without the need to sync with iTunes.

● iOS 7.1 | £2.29/\$2.99

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With a focus on business news, tailor this reader to follow all of your favourite RSS feeds.

● iOS 8.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android INSTAPAPER

Save feature articles and blog posts for later offline reading in this paper-like reader.

● iOS 8.0 | Freemium
● Varies | Freemium

iPad SKY NEWS FOR IPAD

Watch live streams from the TV station in the palm of your hands. Feature-rich, brimming with content and totally free.

● iOS 6.0 | Freemium

iPhone/Android YAHOO NEWS DIGEST

Get twice-daily summaries of the top news stories, complete with infographics.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.0 | Free

iPhone/iPad PEEKSTER

Scan articles in select newspapers to create a digital version on your iPhone, which you can save for later or share online.

● iOS 7.0 | Freemium

PHOTO & VIDEO

iPhone/iPad/Android YOUTUBE

Stream videos from the popular website, now with voice search and picture to picture.

● iOS 6.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad iMOVIE

Apple's official video-editing app makes it easy to fine-tune the videos you shoot on the go with simple gesture controls.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/iPad/Android ADOBE PHOTOSHOP TOUCH

Edit images on the go with a range of touch-control tools using this essential software.

● iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99
● OS 4.0 | £2.99/\$9.99

iPhone/Android INSTAGRAM

With a wide range of cool filters and a great community you can create amazing photos.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad HALFTONE 2

Create a comic book starring your friends and family by applying speech bubbles and borders to images.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone/iPad/Android CAMERA ZOOM FX

Take up to ten shots per second with this high-speed snapper, then apply filters to photos.

● iOS 7.0 | £2.99/\$3.99
● OS 1.6 | £1.79/\$2.99

iPhone/iPad/Android SNAPSEED

This app has quite simply become the go-to image editing app across all devices.

● iOS 8.0 | Free
● OS 4.1 | Free

iPhone MEXTURES

Create and combine your own filters and textures for truly individual Instagram photos.

● iOS 7.0 | £1.49/\$1.99

iPhone/iPad/Android FLICKR

Offering 1TB of online storage, this app is great for showcasing and sharing your best photos.

● iOS 8.0 | Free
● Varies | Free

iPhone/iPad/Android SEENE

Capture 3D photos and share them online or embed them on your website.

● iOS 7.0 | Free
● OS 4.1 | Free

PRODUCTIVITY

iPhone/iPad/ Android EVERNOTE

Create a note on your device and save it to the cloud, where it can be picked up and edited.

- iOS 7.0 | Freemium
- Varies | Freemium

iPhone/iPad/ Android DROPBOX

Access your images, documents or any other type of digital file you like, anywhere.

- iOS 7.0 | Freemium
- OS 4.0.3 | Freemium

iPhone/iPad NUMBERS

This spreadsheet was designed for your touchscreen, enabling you to calculate figures and create graphs with ease.

- iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

iPhone/iPad CLEAR

This purely gesture-based app has one of the most innovative and intuitive interfaces of virtually any app around.

- iOS 8.0 | £3.99/\$4.99

iPhone/iPad PAGES

This versatile app lets you create, edit and view documents as well as create attractive, customised pages.

- iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

iPhone GLOBO

Ideal for the travelling businessman, track the time in different cities around the world and set location-based alarms.

- iOS 7.0 | £0.99/\$0.99

iPhone/iPad KEYNOTE

Create a world-class presentation with this top app. Including a range of impressive themes and customisable features.

- iOS 8.0 | £7.99/\$9.99

iPhone/iPad/ Android IF BY ITFTT

Make your life easier by putting the internet to work and automating online services.

- iOS 7.0 | Free
- OS 4.0.3 | Free

iPhone/iPad BUY ME A PIE CLASSIC

Write a list and sync it between devices so that you and your flatmates can all keep track of who's buying what.

- iOS 6.0 | £2.29/\$2.99

iPad PAPER BY FIFTYTHREE

A wonderfully character-filled sketching and creative app where users can purchase other themed tools.

- iOS 7.0 | Freemium

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